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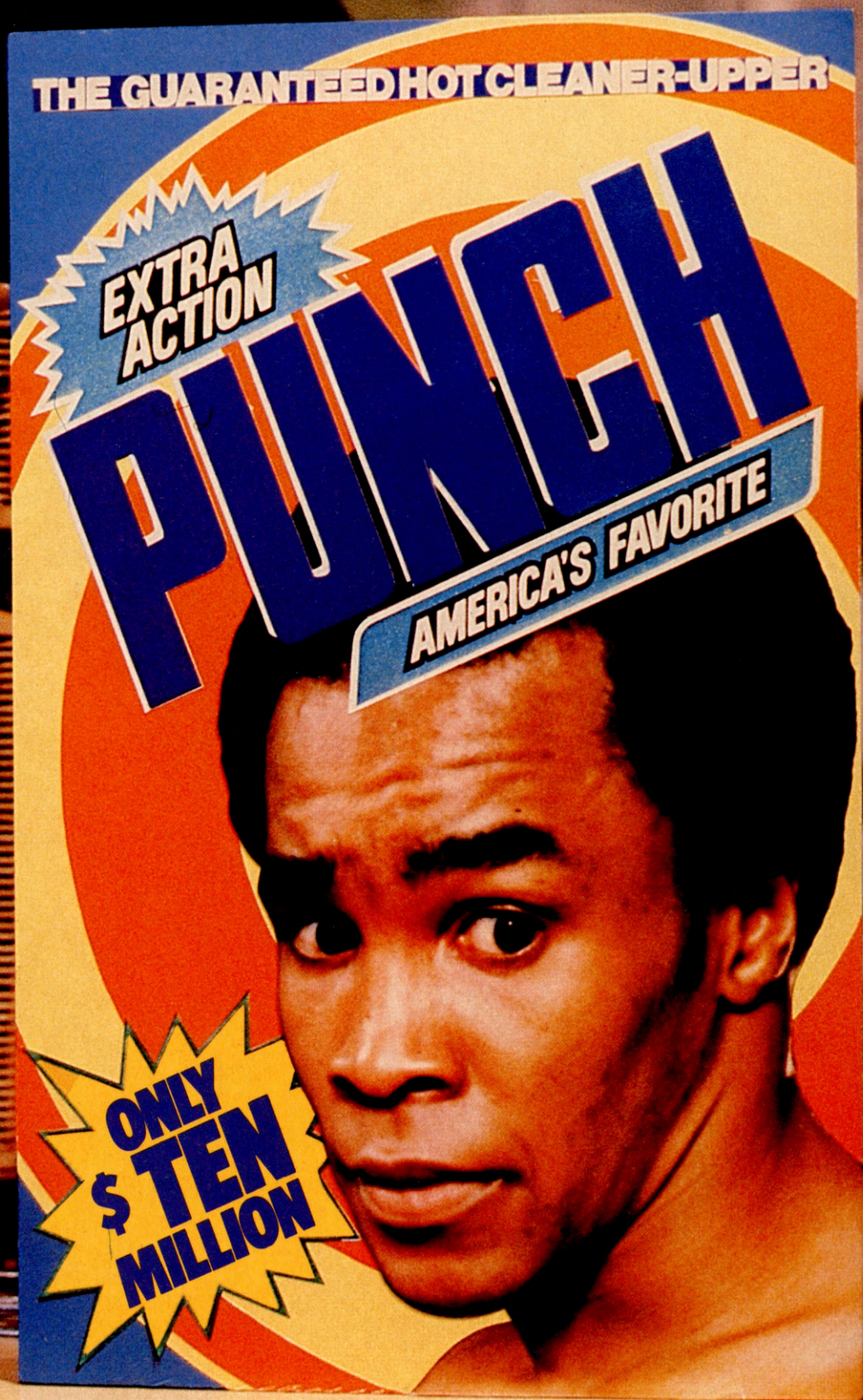

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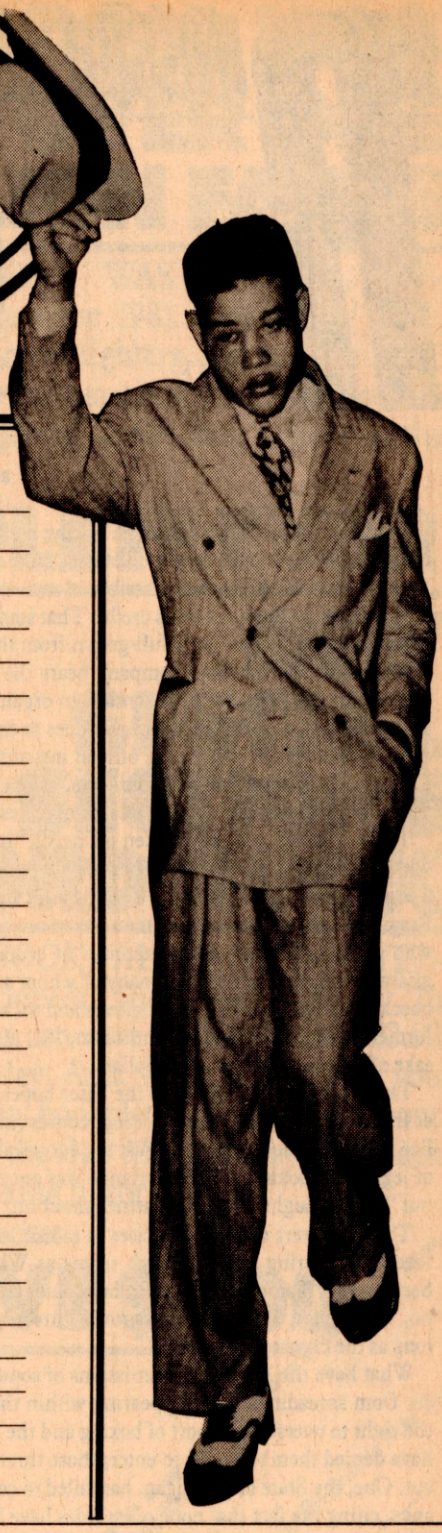

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RINGSIDE

THE DISPLAY AD IN THE GRAND Rapids *Press* read "We're Looking for the Toughest Men in the Grand Rapids Area . . . How Tough Are You?" and went on to announce something called the "All Heavyweight Toughman Tournament" welcoming applicants from a laundry list of possibilities, including "Bar bouncers, professional athletes, bar brawlers, lumberjacks, construction workers, truck drivers, policemen, etc."

The State of Michigan has given boxing many things to be proud of: Joe Louis, Ray Robinson, Ad Wolgast and Stanley Ketchel, who hailed from the same city in question, Grand Rapids. Now Michigan has contributed something else, something which threatens to undo all the good the State has to its credit. That something is "The Toughman Contest."

Toughman Contests grew full-grown from the brow of a promoter from Bay City, Michigan, one Art Dore, whose company bears the "cutesy" name "Adore Ltd." but that's all that is "cutesy" about these exercises in organized mayhem, which bear the same relationship to boxing as a dandruff remover does to the guillotine. And are just about as ghastly as the machine which became the official instrument of execution for the French Revolution, described by its inventor, J.I. Guillotin, as one that "will take off a head in a twinkling and the victim will feel nothing but a sense of refreshing coolness."

These contests, too, have taken off heads "in a twinkling," one poor soul already paying with his life in the desperate hopes of collecting the $500 top prize and yet another lying in a comatose state in a Michigan hospital after being beaten senseless in another such contest. Preying on the desperation of man has never been a kindly undertaking. But the promoters who sponsor these so-called exercises in brutality have taken it to a new—and even more grisly—level, the contestants, many of whom are rank amateurs, appearing with no medical check-ups, fighting with 10 oz. gloves and no headgear and, as in the case of the 23-year-old former Marine who died in Johnstown, Pa., giving away as much as 50 pounds. All for the sake of picking up a few spare dollars.

The bouts not only appeal to the baser hopes of desperate men, but also appeal to the baser instincts of the audience; A recent contest in Tampa, Florida, resulted in a riot when police and rowdy spectators, not just the contestants, wound up in a brawl. And one promoter of legitimate boxing bouts in Orlando was once associated with "Toughman" tournaments, but "went straight" after his partner shot him.

The promoters of these exercises in sadism and masochism have now announced plans to take their touring circus to such towns as Wheeling, Detroit, Macon, Sioux Falls, Flint, Sacramento, Tampa, Atlanta, Philadelphia, Green Bay, Little Rock, Memphis, Erie, Fresno, Cincinnati, Louisville, Scranton, Pittsburgh and all points East, West and South, as long as the climate is favorable.

What have the Athletic Commissions of some of those jurisdictions done to stop this cancer from spreading? From appearing within those territories where, supposedly, they have the right to oversee the sport of boxing and the safety of its participants? Three jurisdictions have denied them the right to enter; those three being Maryland, New Jersey and Connecticut. One, the State of Michigan, has failed to come up with any way to prevent their appearance, citing the fact that none of its rules have been violated. A vacuous claim, at best, inasmuch as the rules which govern the Michigan State Athletic Commission were written in the mid-'30s and last updated in 1954, years before Mr. Dore perpetuated his cruel hoax upon the sporting scene. And, as the manager of the Grand Center in Grand Rapids pointed out, "Since the state boxing commission takes about 10 percent of their gate receipts, they are, in a way, approving of this format." Moreover, it has been found out that one of the commissioners on the Columbus, Ohio, Athletic Commission is himself one of the "Toughman" promoters, a helluva commentary on the caliber of people we have overseeing the sport of boxing.

Boxing commissions—and newspapers, which must forbid the promoters even advertising this sadistic version of trashsports—must stop this obscenity before it brings boxing down around their heads. Even if it means citing the participants and promoters for "aggravated assault and battery." That's what it is, nothing more. For, if the commissions don't do something—and soon—to clean up boxing's act, somebody will have to clean up *their* act.

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ROUND ONE

PUTTING ON THE RITZ

SEEMS THAT EVEN SEAN O'GRADY'S father was surprised when Sean won the WBA lightweight title from defending champ Hilmer Kenty last April in Atlantic City, for he was apparently unprepared to celebrate the victory. Instead of handing out the traditional cigars or pouring champagne, Papa Pat was there at ringside, passing out Ritz crackers!

And, while on the subject of the Irish Lightweight from Oklahoma, a man named Champ Thomas has just come out with a short biography of the newly-crowned champ. The author of *Sean O'Grady: Living Legend,* incidently, was a referee for one of Sean's recent bouts. Wonder if that was before or after the bio was printed?

JOHN CONTEH SWINGS LIKE A PENDULUM DO

JOHN CONTEH RETIRED IN A BLAZE of publicity, much of it unpleasant, in the British press. The former world light heavyweight champion, who made a name for himself as a Freedom Fighter—he was self-managed and fought authority, promoters—etc.—lost a few supporters.

The customary revealing stories from wife, Veronica, and a young brother—presumably well-paid—allege John was a wild man who hit the bottle and anyone who got in his way.

The exception, of course, was Saad Muhammad whom Conteh barely struck in anger at Atlantic City last year. What happened?

Conteh is quoted in the London *Daily Mirror,* "All through the fight I kept saying to myself 'What am I doing here?' I should be in Tramps (a London club) enjoying myself, not getting knocked about by this madman."

Now we know. Pity paying customers did not know Conteh's feelings before the fight—though it was a tip-off when the entire Limey press corps at Atlantic City "tipped" Saad. The champion, we recall, thanked the Brits in his immediate after-fight TV interview.

Pity also that Conteh had faded away without much pity from his fellow professionals. "He had it all" they say. "Complete protection, almost personal management, by Jose Sulaiman and the WBC, good looks, charisma, and exceptional talent. He won more than his share of titles and made big money. But he also went to waste. Not an advert for the game."

Conteh's flings around London town nightspots will not amuse the jet-set now that he's strictly an ex-boxer.

The latest newspaper snippet was Conteh's friendship with Stephanie LaMotta, daughter of Jake. Hope we are spared a Conteh-inspired film titled "Raging Ram".

THE FIGHT WAS A BUST

WOMEN'S BOXING CAME OF AGE last month when female boxer Robin Haukaas lost on a TKO to Angie Lopez in an exhibition match held in the aptly-named Liberal (Kansas) National Guard Armory. Seems that the fight was stopped by a red-faced referee after he was informed by Robin's corner she couldn't continue. The TKO—no, make that BKO—came on account of a broken bra.

MASSACHUSETTS FOUND TAXING

AFTER NEARLY 20 YEARS BOSTON finally hosted another world championship fight. And, Marvin Hagler or no Marvin Hagler, it may be that long before another championship bout takes place there.

For promoters have to pay Massachusetts a six percent tax on revenue from the sale of television and broadcasting rights—a percentage which, compared to other states, is quite high, even compared to New York's whopping five percent. While the levy may bring in a few extra dollars for the state, promoters are reluctant to stage major bouts in Massachusetts. And six percent of nothing is still nothing!

With the ascendancy of Hagler, the local hero from Brockton, Mass., the tax has become an immediate concern. Promoter Bob Arum, who promoted Hagler's first defense at the Boston Garden against Fulgencio Obelmejias last Jan. 17, has plans for Hagler's next defense. But it won't take place in Massachusetts unless the taxes go down.

"The six percent tax is unconscionable," says Arum. "The states which attract boxing have taxes which are either nonexistant or far less. Texas has no tax on television. Nevada has only a three percent tax on the first $1 million of television revenue and then a 1 percent tax thereafter. And New Jersey hs a 2½ percent tax."

Why is the tax so high? "Everybody reached for whatever they could," says Arum. "When the tax was enacted the revenue (from broadcasting rights) wasn't that significant."

But now, unless the tax is changed, Massachusetts can say goodbye to future championship bouts. Before the Hagler bout in January of 1981, the last championship bout in Boston was April 17, 1962, when Paul Pender successfully defended his middleweight crown against Terry Downes. The only other televised fight since the 1975-76 fiscal year was a Sugar Ray Leonard bout in Springfield in 1978.

If broadcasting rights sell for $1 million, promoters would have to pay $60,000 to Massachusetts, but only $30,000 in Nevada, $25,000 in New Jersey and nothing in Texas. As Arum puts it, "It makes Massachusetts a very 'iffy' proposition for a big fight."

State Rep. Joseph DeNucci has filed a bill to change the tax. He and the state Boxing Commission agree that it should be lowered

to three percent. "It is a regressive tax," says DeNucci, a former middleweight boxer. "We can't compete with other states."

The tax hadn't been a problem because boxing had not been big time in Mass. for a long time. But now DeNucci sees in Hagler Massachusetts' best chance in years to pick up major fights. And the money that goes with them.

But unless the tax is changed, chances are you won't be seeing any big fights in Mass. anymore. Says local promoter Rip Valenti, "Baseball don't pay it. Football don't pay it. Hockey don't pay it. Wrestling don't pay it. Why should boxing pay it?"

BARTENDER'S TRIVIA CORNER

WHO IS THE ONLY "SOUL BROTHER to win a boxing championship in Seoul, Korea?

Last Month's Trivia Question: Who was the only one of the eight boxers to take part in the Carnival of Champions in 1937 who never became a world champion?

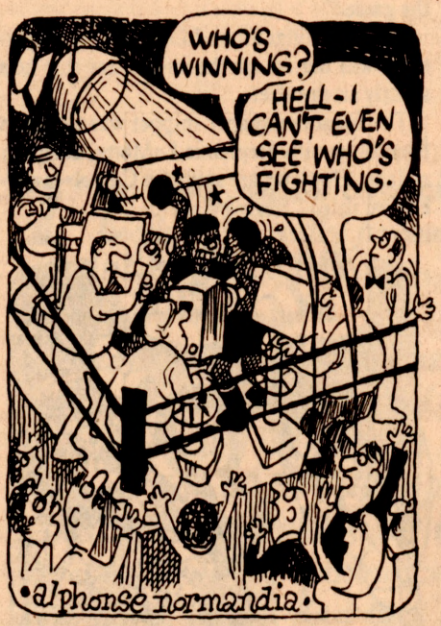
Answer: Pedro Montanez, a Jewish Puerto Rican, holds that distinction. Montanez lost to Lou Ambers in fifteen rounds in a lightweight title bout at the Polo Grounds in New York welterweight championship bout and a middleweight championship bout. Harry Jeffra became the new bantamweight champion with his fifteen round decision over Sixto Escobar. Barney Ross successfully defended his welterweight crown by outpointing Ceferino Garcia in fifteen rounds. Garcia later won the N.Y. middleweight title. The fourth bout was billed as a world title bout but recognition was refused by the New York State Athletic Commission. Fred Apostoli, the N.Y. middleweight champion, knocked out Marcel Thil in the tenth round. Thil had previously gained recognition by the N.B.A. as their middleweight champion. The paid attendance was only 32,800 with gross gate receipts of slightly more than $200,000. Jeffra only received $2,500 for his efforts while Ambers received $65,000 with the others receiving amounts in between those two.

FOUL OF THE MONTH

WHEN YOU'RE TELEVISING BOXing, the whole world's a studio. Or, so the theory goes. Especially if you're HBO and the fight is the Sugar Ray Leonard-Larry Bonds fight.

Seems that not only did HBO cameramen station themselves on the ring apron between rounds of the recent welterweight championship bout held in Syracuse, but they actually stayed up there during the fight itself, thereby obliterating the view of those who had paid as much as $40 a ticket to sit ringside. Only when promoter Bob Arum screamed at them to "Get down" did they manage to pack up their handheld cameras and get out of the sightlines of the paying patrons.

While we don't advocate the following remedy, it certainly is one way to make television realize that it is but a party to a bout and that all boxing is not to serve as its handmaiden:



At a recent fight in Scranton one fan found that he had purchased a seat with obstructed vision, compliments of ESPN's all-too-bright kleig lights. To the wild appreciation of the fans in his section who couldn't see what they had paid to see, he walked up, smashed the offending light and returned to his seat, all the better to see the action.

A balance must be struck—and soon—or paying customers may well become a thing of the past. Particularly if they have to watch the back of an HBO cameraman instead of the action they paid to see.

DOWN FOR THE COUNT

BOON, ERIC, 61, JANUARY 19TH AFter suffering a heart attack outside London. Boon became a pro in 1935 at age 15 by the time he was just turning 18 had fought close to 80 matches and was Britain's Lightweight Champion. By the end of 1939 Boon was the most sensational boxer in the country. Boon rose in weight to a welter, lost his lightweight crown and never was effective against larger, stronger men. He fought with no success overseas, finally retiring in 1952. Boon had an overall record of 92-18-6, scoring 62 KO wins.

LOUIS, JOE, 66, APRIL 12, 1981.

POTENTI, JOHNNY, New England welterweight champion who fought during the time of such fistic greats as Rocky Graziano, Jake LaMotta, Harold Green and Sugar Ray Robinson. Johnny's biggest moment as a fighter came when he met Beau Jack at the Boston Garden on May 22, 1950. Jack was awarded a split decision over Potenti, although he announced that Potenti had one of the best left jabs he had ever seen.

BARROSO, JULIO ALFONSO, 45, Boxing writer from Tijuana, B.C. Mexico.

FITZGERALD, BRUCE, 24, of Uniontown, Pa. on March 2, 1981. An amateur boxer competing in the Golden Gloves regional tournament in Easton High School, Fitzgerald suffered a knockdown during his first bout on March 1. He won the bout, however, and went on later that day engaging in his second bout. The match was stopped in the 2nd round, when Fitzgerald sagged against the ropes after taking a hard right uppercut to the midsection. Fitzgerald, who did not appear to be hurt after the bout, collapsed in the high school locker room shortly after the bout. Ten hours later he died in the hospital.

DAWSON, FREDDIE, Number one lightweight contender in the Ike Williams era. Dawson was knocked out by Williams in a title bout on Dec. 5, 1949.

PUNCHLINES

JESS EPSTEIN, NABF MIDDLEWEIGHT champion Slammin' Sammy Nesmith's big backer, after Nesmith's loss to Sugar Ray Seales: "That's it for us . . . unless you know where we can get a heart transplant?

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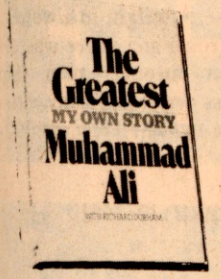

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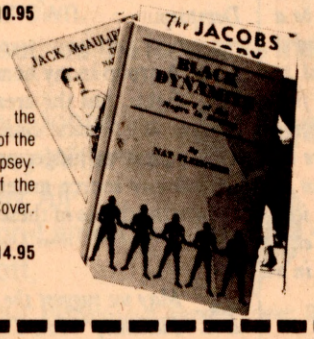

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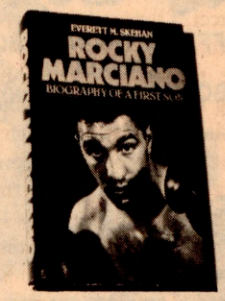

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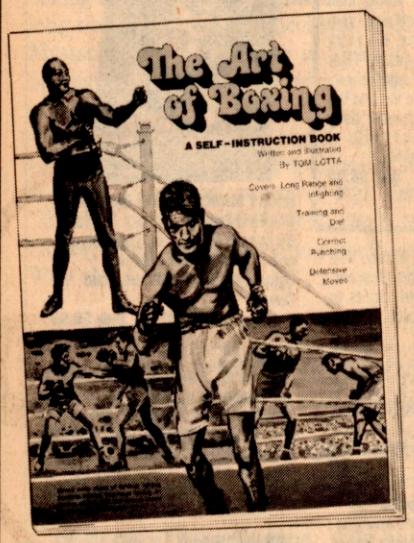

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—BARNEY J. VILLA

A *When rigor mortis has set in or the "ex" can no longer lift his hands above his shoe laces.*

Q I am a new boxing buff and would like some info on the exhibitions that George Foreman put on—all in one night—in 1975. Who fought him, what were the results? And why did George do it?

—BRIAN CURLEY

A *On April 26, 1975, Foreman took on five opponents in what was supposed to be a "Carnival" but really became a circus and a farce. Why did he do it? For money—and to prove he was a superman, that he could belt five men into kingdom come in one night. George was out to beat the boast made years before by one John L. Sullivam: "I can beat any man in the house." In the five exhibitions Foreman iced Charley Polite, Boone Kirkman, Terry Daniels, Jerry Judge, and Alonzo Johnson in a total of twelve rounds.*

Q Is it true that Jack Johnson's grave in Graceland Cemetary, in Chicago, is unattended and that the lone granite slab says "Johnson—Is In Terrible Shape"?

A *From time to time both The Boxing Writers Association and The Ring Magazine put up cash to have Jack's grave kept up. Jack, who was killed doing in excess of 100 miles an hour in his car, hit an abutment at the entrance to a bridge in Raleigh, N.C., on June 10, 1946, and was left in terrible shape. Some misguided individual put it on his tombstone.*

Q I have been reading that Sugar Ray Leonard, world welterweight champion, will be meeing Ayub Kalule, the world junior middleweight title holder. If Leonard were to defeat Kalule would he hold both titles?

—STEVE CARDOZA

A *No, Steve, Leonard would have to give up his welter crown. In this day and age a fighter cannot hold more than one world title at the same time.*

Q I would like to know why Jack Dempsey fought Georges Carpentier, but wouldn't fight Maxie Rosenbloom or Harry Greb?

—GEORGE HENDLER

A *Dempsey fought Carpentier because his manager, Jack Kearns, envisioned the first million dollar gate and sold it to the then—impresario of promoters, Tex Rickard. Rosenbloom, a light heavyweight, was neither a puncher, nor a crowd pleaser, and in 1921, the time of the Dempsey-Carpentier fight, Rosenbloom had not even turned to the professional ranks. By the time Dempsey called it quits in 1927, Rosenbloom was just getting his toes on the ladder of fame. As for Harry Greb, like Mickey Walker, he was really a middleweight. Greb fought a few light heavies, including Gene Tunney, when he was a light heavyweight, but was never a bona fide light heavyweight and was not in a class to fight the formidable Jack Dempsey.*

Q A group in my hometown is organizing fights, but the area has had no boxing in over forty years. Since we will be using local people as judges and referees can you suggest any source material that would help us as to the duties of these men.

—DAVE LEVIN

A *May we suggest the book by the late Nat Fleischer, "How To Referee and Judge." Procurable from The Ring Book Shop, 120 West 31st. St., N.Y., N.Y. 10001. Price is $1.50.*

Q I saw Jersey Joe Walcott take the world heavy crown from Ezzard Charles back in 1951. A friend insists that Walcott is not his real name. Is it? Also, what is the ex-champ doing now?

—BILL FISHBEIN

A *Your friend is correct. Jersey Joe Walcott was born January 31, 1914, and given the name of Arnold Raymond Cream. J.J. is currently the head man of The New Jersey State Athletic Commission with headquarters in the State Building, at Trenton, New Jersey.*

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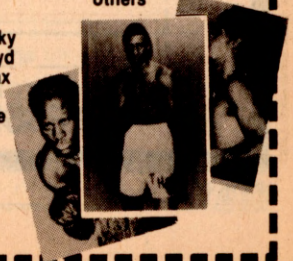

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ALRIGHT DIMBULBS! NOT ONLY DID you blasphemy many of the great champs in your article "The 'Worst' Champions of All-Time"—which appeared in your May issue—but you forgot to put in the voting for the lightweight division. Can't you guys count up to eight (divisions)?

DAVID WURTZEL, RICHMOND, VA.

ED NOTE: Apparently, the gremlins left out our ratings for the "Worst" Lightweight champs of all time. Here are the lightweights (in more ways than one):

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JIM WATT (WBC, 1979-Present)	1
JUAN ZURITA (NBA, 1945)	1

IN HEARNS' CORNER

I WOULD LIKE TO DIRECT THIS LETTER to Matthew Stern of Brooklyn, N.Y. (A Knock On "The Hit Man").

Anyone who has ever spent any amount of time in the ring can see that he has about as much knowledge of boxing as I have on who will become the Welterweight champion in the year 3000.

First, let's not take anything away from either Thomas Hearns or Sugar Ray Leonard, but let's compare some facts: Hearns has height, reach, aggressiveness, a relentless body attack, speed, and, most important, he fights to win. Tommy is also hungry for a good payday.

Leonard has speed and good boxing skills. However, he does not need a good payday, and he is giving up height, reach and will. But, most important, he fights not to lose.

No boxing skills! If and when they meet, Mr. Stern, your ignorance will be exposed.

FRANK LOPEZ, SACRAMENTO, CA

LICENSES DO NOT A PRISONER-BOXER MAKE

THIS LETTER IS IN RESPONSE TO AN article which appeared in *Round One* of your March issue on Robert Reynolds, the first prisoner in the state of Michigan to receive a boxing license while still incarcerated. Since receiving that license he has been allowed to fight once, winning on a decision. After that fight the Warden here in Ionia refused to allow another pro fight to be held, giving as his primary reason "too much publicity" as well as that, in his belief, Robert took too much staff time. Robert still continues to train and has high hopes of getting another fight soon. I hope this updates readers on what has taken place since Robert received his license.

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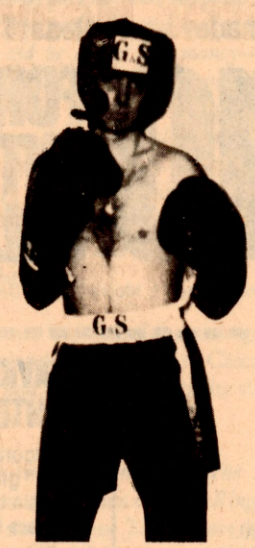

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BEN SHARAV, JERUSALEM, ISRAEL

ANOTHER VOTE FOR "WORST DECISION OF THE YEAR"

I REALIZE IT'S TOO LATE FOR CHANGES to be made in the article "1980: A Year Remembered", but I believe there should have been another bout added to your "Worst Decisions of the Year": the October 4, 1980 fight between Eusebio Pedroza and Rocky Lockridge. I really believe Rocky Lockridge won that fight. I know I'm not always going to agree with the decision in every fight, but some are so outrageous they insult the fan's intelligence.

ADALAIDE TYNDALE, PHILA., PA

AN OLYMPIC CHAMP IS NOT *A WORLD'S CHAMP*

I AM VERY DISTURBED ABOUT THE RECent Michael Spinks-Marvin Johnson light heavyweight bout. First of all, why does Michael Spinks get top billing? Marvin Johnson was the two-time light heavyweight champion! Second and foremost, up until the time of the knockout in the fourth round it was Johnson's fight. Nonetheless, the judges had it 3-0 Spinks, 2-1 Spinks, and 3-0 Johnson. Inconsistent and biased judging like this will be the downfall of boxing. Even Howard Cosell—who usually "sucks up" to Olympic champions—was saying that Johnson won the first three rounds.

These Olympic champions are talented enough to succeed without biased judging and belittling of opponents.

ANTHONY DI MARCO, PHILA., PA.

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THOSE TWO "POLITICAL PARTIES", the WBA and the WBC are reducing boxing to the level of professional wrestling. After a while it gets confusing trying to keep up with two champions in every class except the middleweight division; especially in the flyweights and junior flyweights where the crown changes hands every two months. There should be only one champion for each division. The public and the fighters should demand it. I'm not against too many divisions—just too many champions! I realize though, that the lust for money will never permit the unification of titles.

NICK CRAWFORD, TERRELL, TEXAS

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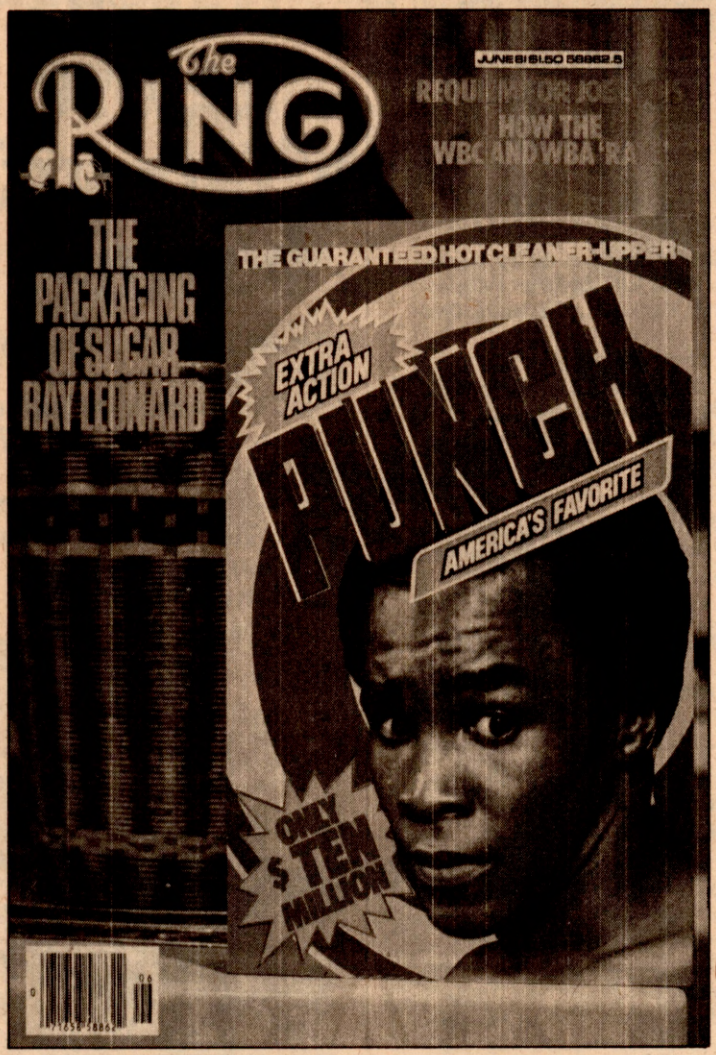

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INSIDE BO

MICKEY DAVIES HAS RETURNED TO THE Olympic in Los Angeles, an establishment he deserted 11 years ago. The old brick edifice at the corner of 18th and Grand is now sporting a new paint job, but the newly painted structure is unable to conceal the ravages of time. . . .

The Olympic is a landmark. Everything in the area has changed, the streetcars are gone, Wrigley Field down at 42nd and Avalon was razed years ago and the L.A. Rams no longer kick off footballs at the nearby Coliseum, but the Olympic Auditorium, a rebuke against time, is still the premier showcase for up-and-coming west coast gladiators with stars in their eyes. . . .

When Mickey Davies went to work for top promoter Aileen Eaton years ago, he was the rage of the town. Everyone loved the guy for his astute match-making ability . . . Davies was not only making the fights, but he also served as color man on the Channel 5 Thursday night fights with a newcomer named Dick Enberg, the articulate professor out of Valley State destined to cut a deep niche in his new vocation . . . Dick has forged ahead, while Mickey has moved from sporting areas up and down the west coast.

Davies is a Wheeling, West Virginia native, who campaigned around the U.S. in the fifties with fighters of repute—club fighters, four-round preliminary kids, anyone he could "hustle" a buck with . . . Davies learned boxing from the tank towns to the huge arenas, he learned it the hard way and he learned it well! He served with the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II and saw action at Guadalcanal and Guam. He got around alright. He's a pro—and the game can use his type today. . . .

The real winners are the fight fans in Los Angeles. Mickey will give them the action they are looking for. He knows the business and not many masquerading as fight promoters today can say this. Go get 'em, Mickey!

RING

Sorry to learn that former ranking middleweight contender Steve Belloise is a patient in the Bronx Veterans Hospital, unable to identify anyone. Belloise lost in two bids for world honors, losing out both times to my old, late navy buddy, Ken Overlin. Overlin died in Reno, Nevada, broke at the age of just 59 in July of 1969. Ken's ex-wife, Sylvia, is living in Washington, D.C. and has remarried. (If she reads this article please contact the writer, I've lost your address!). Belloise is also a WW II navy veteran and we wish him a complete and speedy recovery.

Jimmy Glenn, former sparring partner for Floyd Patterson, is the owner of the Times Square Gym in Manhattan. Glenn also owns "Jimmy's Corner" a bar and grill, popular watering hole at West 44th St., near Broadway . . . John Stracey, who once held the welterweight title, visited the U.S. from his native England recently. Stracey is happily married to beautiful Michele, daughter of a financier whose businesses include hotels, travel agencies and resorts. Stracey is the owner of a luxurious hotel, The Adelphi, at the Royal Spa City of Bournemouth in England.

For those who asked: Artie Levine, the hardest puncher Sugar Ray Robinson says he ever faced, is now a sales manager for Volkswagen on Northern Boulevard and 77th Woodside in Queens County, N.Y., and doing well for himself . . . Former world light heavyweight champ, Melio Bettina is also in the automobile business in Beacon, N.Y. Melio told me recently: "I received $600 for my title match—look what these guys get today". Bettina is the owner of Foothills Motor Corp., handling Plymouth and Chrysler.

Big change at the CYO boxing order in Chicago. After many years of faithful service as boxing chief there, Mike Trioli has been replaced by veteran referee, Sean Curtin. Trioli has moved to Phoenix, Arizona. He will be missed by the boxing fraternity in the "Windy City"

The State of Nevada announced their boxing figures for 1980. They had 115 pro shows, up from 92 the previous year, with 134,396 attendance and a total paid receipt of $7,721,216. The State's general fund benefited $315,194.

See you next month—keep punching!

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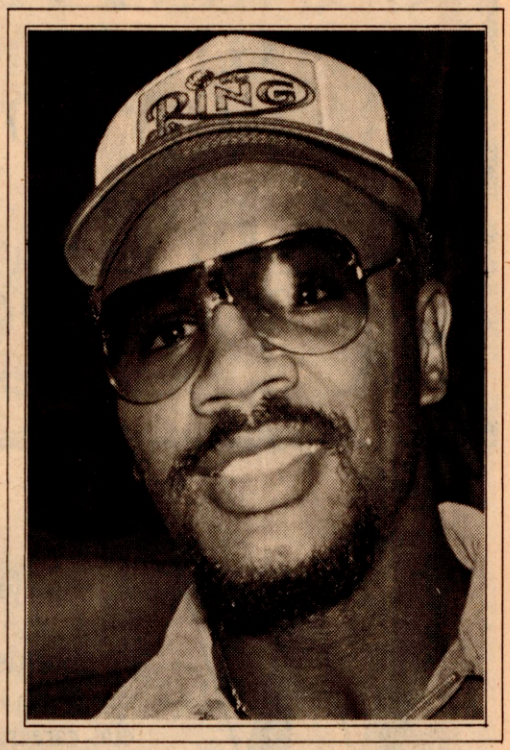

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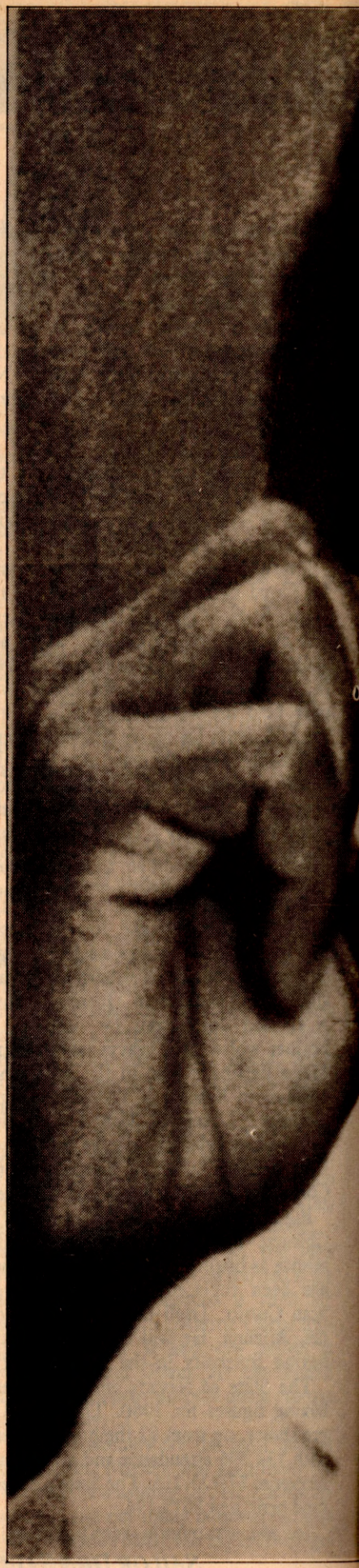
BERT R. SUGAR ON THE GREENING OF SUGAR RAY LEONARD OR ... HOW TO PACKAGE BOXING'S SUPERSTAR



Willie Mays, who once verged on the brink of financial ruin after a costly divorce settlement, best put into works the financial plight of the athlete: "The financial careers of most professional athletes can be summed up in these works: short and sweet . . . but mostly short."

From the day in 1869 when Harry Wright became America's first salaried athlete—receiving the then-princely amount of $1,400 a year—America's athletes have provided escapism and entertainment for millions of their non-athletic brethren. All for a fee.

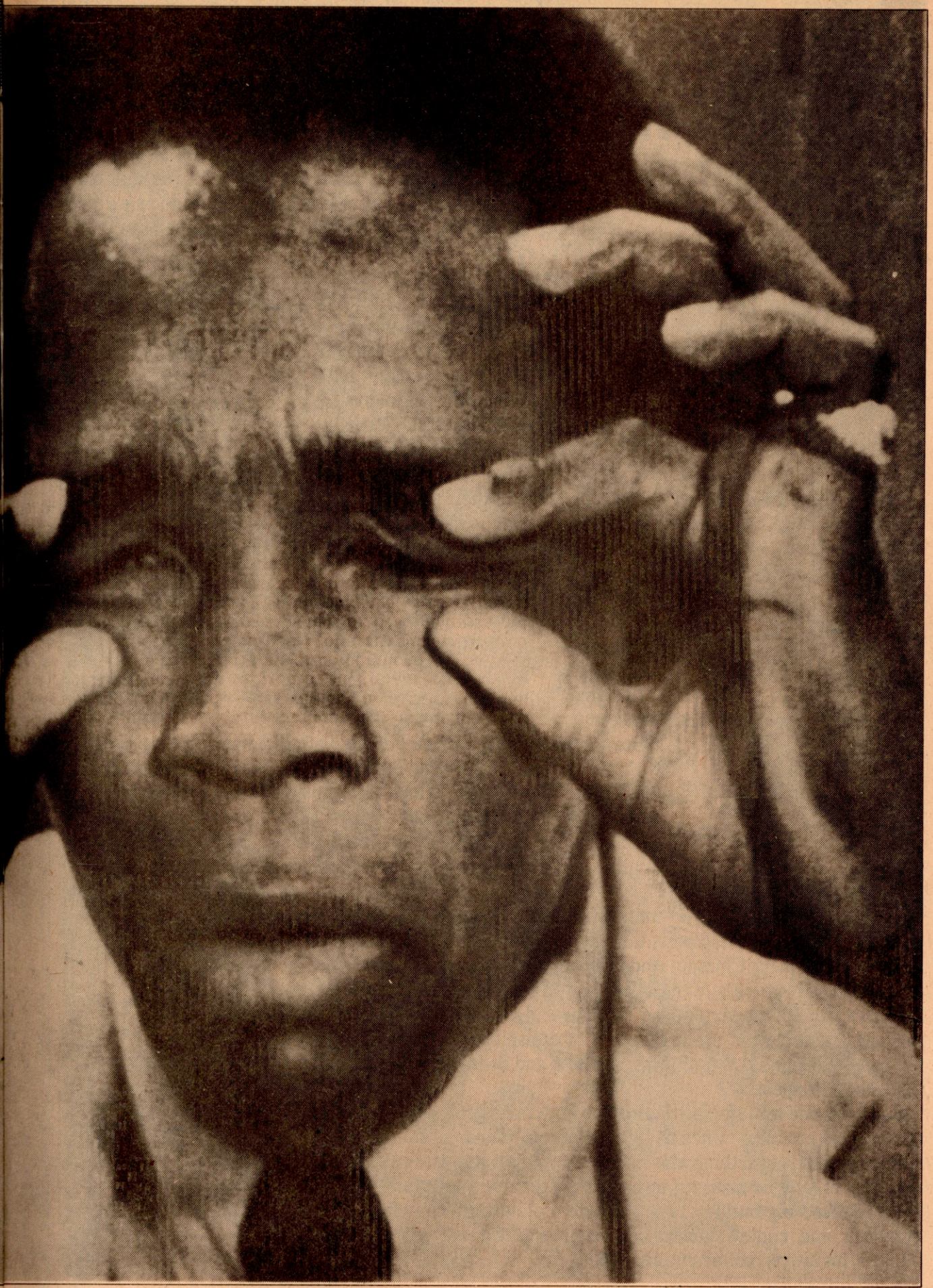
But almost as soon as they had acquired the pulpy fantasies of fame and fortune, their careers were over. And with it their earning power.

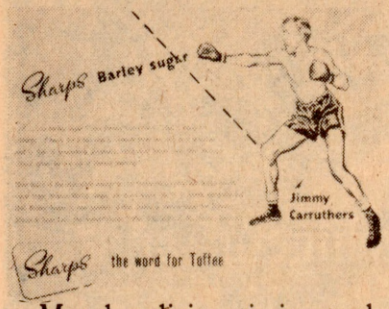
Faced with such a short period to exploit their fame and maximize their fortune, many athletes resort on a time-honored practice: trading on their names in that time-honored ancillary game called "Up Your Income."

The first recorded instance of a modern athlete leasing his name occurred on September 1, 1905, when Honus Wagner, shortstop for the Pittsburgh Pirates, gave the J.F. Hillerrich & Son Company permission to use his name on its Louisville Slugger bats for a consideration of $75.

In 1907 J.F. Hillerrich & Son signed Nap Lajoie to endorse its bats. In 1908 they approached the 21-year-old phenomenon who had led the American League in six categories while repeating as batting champion: Ty Cobb of the Detroit Tigers.

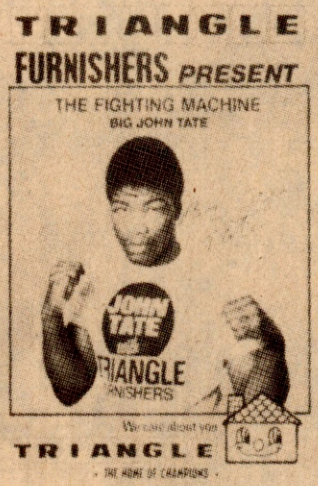
Cobb, already displaying a keen understanding of leverage in business made the company a counteroffer. "I'll give you my name for nothing," Cobb wrote, "if you'll provide me with selected bats. I want you to agree to set aside the best wood that comes into your plant. I want my own bin right at the factory. And I'd like the privilege of specifying the kind of lumber to be used.



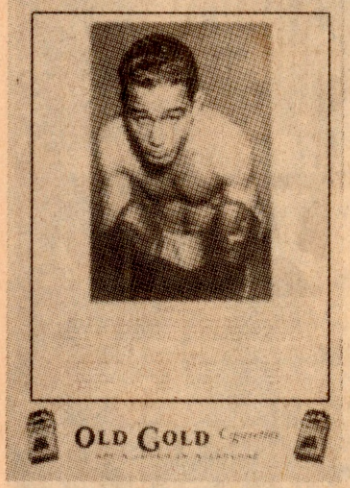


The world of merchandising had become an extension of one of the oldest forms of advertising. It was common in patent medicine shows for the elixir salesman to place a couple of minstrels on the tailgate of his wagon to play the banjo and sing and dance. When this attracted a crowd, the old Doc would come out and sell his bottled-in-the-back nostrums. Twentieth century sports extended his tailgate. The minstrels had become professional athletes used—with or without their permission—to provide an audience for the "pitch".

Merchandising tie-ins took many forms. Coca-Cola introduced a series of ads in 1907 heralding "the Great National Drink at the Great National Game." It pictured Honus Wagner and Ty Cobb (years before Cobb "bought" 300 shares of Coca-Cola with $10,800 put up for him by the company's president and reaped a profit of more than a quarter-million dollars) drinking a modification of what had once been called French Wine Cola containing "the tonic properties of the wonderful Coca Plant and famous "Cola Nut" and "caffeine," references which have since been deleted. Cobb also had a cigarette named after him by the Benjamin Company of Detroit.



Bull Durham Smoking Tobacco bought all the outfield signs it could and offered any player who "hits the giant 'Bull' sign with a fairly batted flyball in a league game" $50. This was the precursor of many signs on ball park walls promising free gifts if hit.



One sadistic and opportunistic manufacturer of female wraps actually marketed the Snodgrass Muff, named for the unfortunate Giant outfielder who dropped a flyball during the 1912 Series, costing his team the championship.

Everyone wanted their products wrapped around sports and sports stars

Boxing has had more than its number of promotional tie-ins. Starting with the large banners waving proudly outside every Reno hotel before the Johnson-Jeffries fight which proclaimed "James E. Pepper Whiskey/Born with the Republic," boxing and business have become a strange partership that would see many strange things done in its relationship. Once the commercial camel had stuck its nose into the boxing ring, it appeared everywhere—ring posts, robes, trunks. Nino Benvenuti climbed into Roman rings wearing a robe sporting an ad for Desportive, a local laxative. Ring posts throughout Europe have been emblazoned with the name Cinzano. And the ringposts at the recent Leonard-Bonds fight advertised a Mexican brandy. It was almost as if the time reference had been reversed, and the movie *Rocky* showing Sylvester Stallone walking down the aisle with a robe displaying the colors and the name "Shamrock Meats" had come first and these were takeoffs of that cinematic spoof.

But today one man stands tallest in the world of boxing for tying into commercial products—whether it be Mexican brandies, soft drinks, sporting goods or anything else imaginable: Sugar Ray Leonard. And the story of how he managed to forge a compatible marriage between big sports and big business is also the story of an early courtship, engagement and endless honeymoon engineered by one man, Mike Trainer, his lawyer, confidante and agent.

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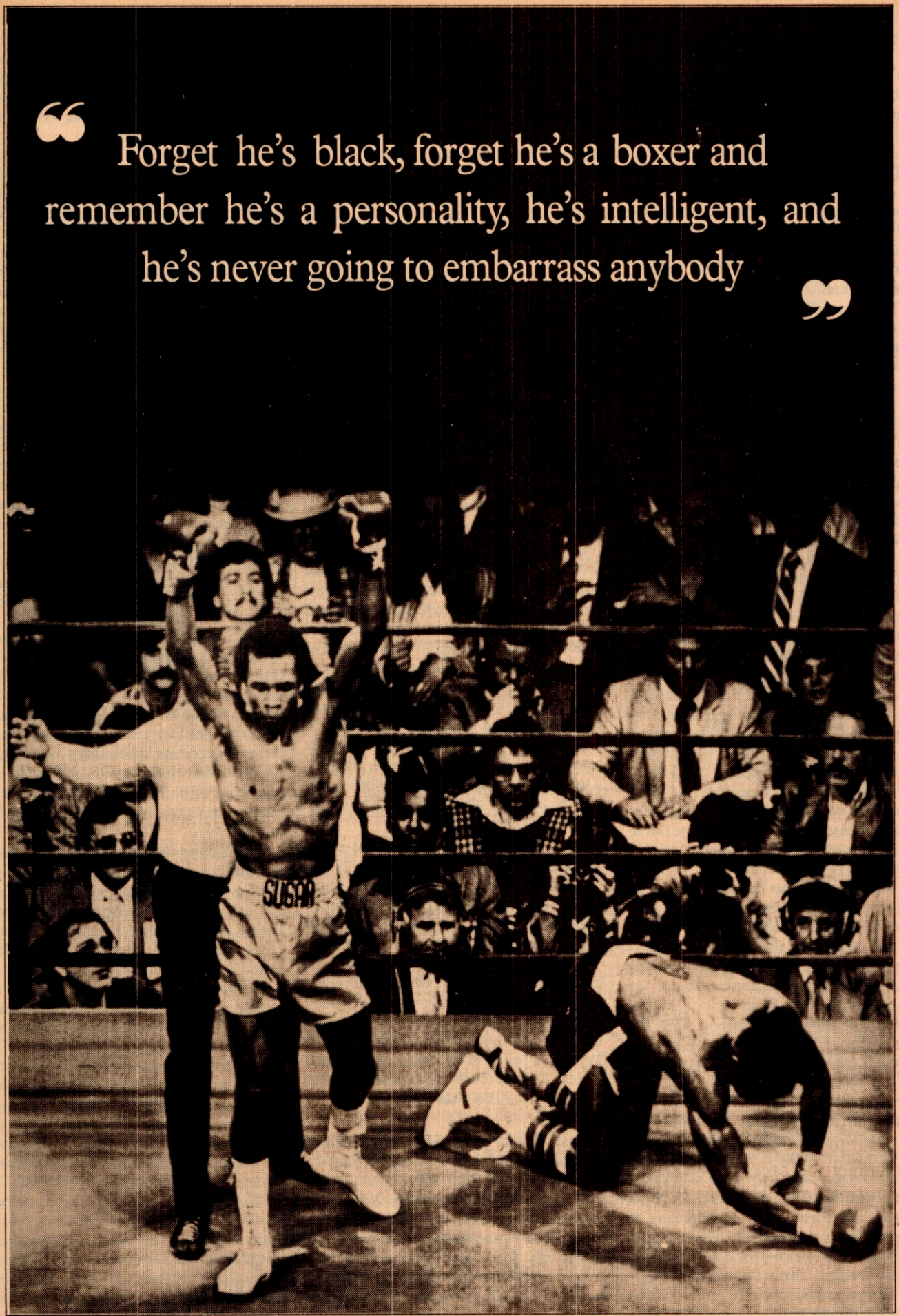


IF YOU GO OUT WASHINGTON'S GEORGIA Avenue, all the way to the outer reaches of the city's northern boundary, then cross into the suburban bedroom community of Silver Spring, Maryland, you will soon come upon a small street named "Bonifant". There, with two banks serving as an entryway into the block where something called the Kessinger Building—built in 1946, it tells you proudly—stands, is the office of today's leading sports packager. The door to the second-floor walkup offices is emblazoned with the legends "Nursing Staff, Inc.," in blue and below it, in gold, "Law Offices, James L. Ryan, Michael G. Trainer, William P. Turner." But even though his name is in the middle, make no mistake about it, Michael G. Trainer is no middleman; he is the top man in "Sugar Ray Leonard, Inc."

"Mike" Trainer is a handsome, 40-year-old lawyer, spelled, as everyone who has ever dealt with a lawyer knows it is spelled: "H-U-S-T-L-E-R." But not a hustler in the pejorative sense; a hustler who tries harder at what he does, and makes things happen.

A graduate of North Carolina and the University of Maryland Law School, Trainer set out to practice law in 1967, on his own for the last 10 years. When he wasn't trying to start his small practice, he was playing softball with some of his fellow colleagues who grew up together in the area. As his softball team kept getting better, Mike fell into a position he would soon fill admirably, first for the team, then for his prize client, that of organizer and manager. He began recruiting ballplayers and became the manager instead of a player. And one of the players he recruited was a tall, strapping player named Janks Morton, who, Trainer recalls, "Could hit a ball farther than any human I've ever seen." Whether it was his practice, his inability to go to his left anymore, or the fact that he had recruited himself out of a job, Trainer dropped off the team. But not out of sight.

About two years after he had become an exballplayer, Trainer received a call from Morton. Morton, it seems, not only played softball well, but also had worked at a recreation center, helping the kids, checking their report cards, counseling them, and traveling with them, all at his own expense. One of his charges had been a small boy named Ray Charles Leonard. Now Ray Charles Leonard was known by another, more catchy,—and certainly, to fight fans, more familiar—name, "Sugar" Ray Leonard. The time of the call was August, 1976, two weeks after the Montreal Olympics. And the tenor of the call had to do with Leonard. Morton asked Trainer "Did Ray need a lawyer?" Seems that, according to Morton, "a lot of people had made a lot of promises to Leonard, but that nobody had followed up on anything." And somebody was needed to look out for Leonard. That somebody was Trainer and it was, as Humphrey Bogart to Claude Raines at the end of *Casablanca,* "The beginning of a beautiful friendship."

The "rest of it" changed almost immediately. For Trainer's first signals were that Ray wanted to go to college. So Mike got him a scholarship to his alma mater, the University of Maryland, and a job with the Parks and Planning Department. But all that changed abruptly when his parents became ill. Now Ray started talking about pursuing boxing as a profession, a natural extension of his gold medal.

At just about that time, in September of 1976, Don King had invited Ray to Yankee Stadium as his guest for the third Ali-Norton fight. Around the 10th round Don took the young gold medal winner into the men's room and shoved a contract under his nose. The ever-courteous Leonard thanked King and brought it back to Trainer. "It's the dumbest document I ever saw in my entire life," Trainer remembers. "So I said to Ray, 'If you're really thinking about doing it and if you really think you can box, why do you want to sell part of yourself? Why don't we just set it up like when I went into business? You go to the bank and borrow some money then pay off your loan and everything's fine."

However, banks don't normally lend money to boxers. Especially not black boxers. So, Trainer, realizing he couldn't get Leonard's grubsteak moneys the conventional way, went about it the unconventional way, something he has done time and again in furtherance of Leonard's career. He put together a group of friends and clients, all of whom—including Trainer—lent him $1,000. "I said, 'Don't lend him any more than you can afford to lose. This is a fun thing. If you lose the money, it's like going to the race track,' " Trainer was to admonish his clients and friends, many of whom couldn't find the $2 window with a geiger counter.

Trainer then incorporated Leonard under the imaginative corporate name of "Sugar Ray Leonard, Inc.," with the only stockholder being Ray Charles Leonard. He issued notes to the lenders, had Ray sign a personal service contract with his own corporation, "So that the investors were protected (and) that the next day he just wouldn't do something else like fight on his own," and put the money, all $21,000, of it, in the bank. Leonard, in turn, pledged the stock to Trainer on behalf of the investors until such time as he paid it off. That wasn't too far down the road. Less than four months off, in fact.

Under Trainer's watchful eye, Leonard was soon manuevered into a 22-month contract with ABC for the right of first refusal on his first six fights. Well, make that his second through his seventh. For a funny thing happened to Ray on his way to his first fight, against one Luis Vega in Baltimore. Unbeknownst to Trainer, the public relations man hired to screen requests for Ray's appearance had failed to identify one from CBS which not only called for him to do the color on a fight in Puerto Rico, but also bound him to a right of first refusal on his first fight, should he ever turn pro. Unable to really "shop" the first fight because that right was so restrictive, Trainer still was able to pit CBS against ABC for the rest.

CBS, according to Trainer, had gone to their In-House-Boxing Expert, Gil Clancy, and asked him which of the two Olympic superstars, Howard Davis or Ray Leonard, he prefered. Clancy was alleged to have said, "I like Davis. He's a better fighter and Leonard's got bad hands." Nevertheless, CBS wanted *both* of them. But Trainer knew they couldn't afford both. And, anyway, "Ray doesn't have to share billing with anybody. You like Howard Davis, you go with Howard Davis. We'll be okay."

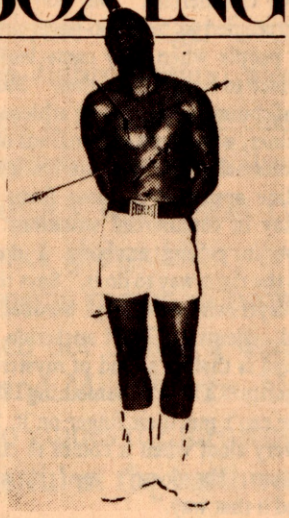
Then, in as hectic a scene as any the Marx Brothers ever had—in or out of stateroom—Trainer raced back and forth between tables at the Holiday Inn restaurant across the street from the Baltimore Arena where Ray was fighting his first pro fight later that afternoon to consummate a 22-month, six-fight deal. When Trainer and Leonard broke ranks and signed with ABC, CBS, and its head of sports, Barry Frank, were livid. So much so that "it was very reassuring to me that I had made the right choice because of the way they reacted."

Now, with dollars in hand, Trainer returned the $21,000 to the original lenders, most of whom didn't want their money back. But Trainer repaid each, giving them $1,040 for their $1,000 loan, the additional $40 their interest for the less-than-six-month loan. One of the investors was later audited by the IRS, who were sure he had made a mistake in reporting only $40. So Trainer "had to write a letter to the guy verifying" that he had made only $40.

Now Trainer sought to parlay the ABC contract into mega-bucks. First he had to figure out how to market him. "His appeal is that he's not the stereotyped boxer," said Trainer as he attempted to position his client. "If you go down the street and ask anybody what a boxer is, most would say, 'He's got a cauliflower ear, a nose all over his face, is missing his front teeth and he can't speak very well.' In short, not very nice people to have around." But Trainer was determined to play upon the contradiction which the lovely young man named Ray Leonard provided him with. He had to appeal "to the guy up on the 30th floor on Madison Avenue" to "forget he's black, forget he's a boxer and remember he's a personality, he's intelligent and he's never going to embarrass anybody."

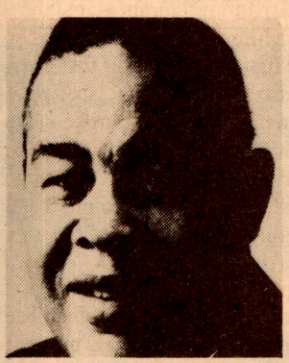
Turning down all local tie-ins, because, as Trainer was to tactfully tell them, "You can't afford him," Mike set his sights on national associations. The first one was a Dr. Pepper commercial. "Nobody cares to remember that, but his first commercial was Dr. Pepper," remembers Trainer, tongue in

AN AD MAN LOOKS AT BOXING



BEING an ad man, my professional interest in athletes (boxers included) has always been to use them as a tool to sell products. In 1967 I used the late Joe Louis as a "spokesman" for a stock broker. He stared into the camera and said "Edwards and Hanly, where were you when I needed you?!", an obvious reference to his being taken advantage of financially when he was earning his purses. This first "image" commercial for a stock broker on American TV was so successful in exploding the business of Edwards & Hanly that the SEC put the screws on the brokerage firm with the ringing words "we won't tolerate a *negro* being a symbol of Wall Street."

I "packaged" the release of Rubin Hurricane Carter in his fight for a retrial which he got. And lost. (His second trial was a worse frame than the original, and, undaunted—and more important, innocent—he will, ultimately get out of jail after already serving a lifetime for a crime he did not commit.) I enlisted Muhammad Ali, and he was a champion in his work for the retrial, making speeches, leading marches, appearing at Bob Dylan concert benefits, etc.



Previously I had done three covers for *Esquire* championing Ali's right to the crown which was stripped from him for his refusal to be inducted into the army during Nam. For one cover, I enlisted Floyd Patterson, terribly humiliated by Ali in their championship fight, to pose with Ali (with Ali's hand over his big mouth) as Patterson defended Ali's right to the championship. Still another cover showed important people from Senators to artists to writers in a boxing ring, demanding Ali to be given his title back. The third Esquire cover showed Muhammad Ali as Saint Sebastian, modeled after the 15th century painting by Castagno that hangs in the Metropolitan. I explained the idea to Ali, and he agreed to pose. At the studio, I showed him a museum postcard of the Castagno painting to illustrate the stance. He studied it with enormous concentration. Suddenly he blurted out, "This cat's a Christian!" I blurted back, "Holy Moses, you're right, Champ!" And before we could affix any arrows to Ali, he got on the phone with his manager and religious coach, Herbert Muhammad (a son of Elijah Muhammad). Ali explained the painting in excruciating detail. He was concerned about the propriety of using a Christian source for the portrayal of his martyrdom. I held my breath during their long, involved theological discussion. Finally, Ali hung up and said it was okay. I exhaled and we shot this portrait of a man against the authorities. When I saw the first transparency, I believe my exact words were "Jesus Christ, it's a masterpiece." *Esquire* had a sensational cover (and it was reproduced and sold as a protest poster). Three years later the Supreme Court unanimously threw out Ali's conviction. Allah be praised!

Dear Dick Tiger:

The Middleweight Champion should meet the best middleweight (not a welterweight). I'm a middleweight, and I licked every man I ever fought, including you.

Respectfully,
Joey Archer

P.S.
(How about a fight, Dick? I'm going broke on these ads.)

But my zaniest connection with the fight game came when I helped package a middleweight elimination bout. In 1966 Joey Archer was a lesser-ranked middleweight contender who wanted a shot at the crown. The champion was the Nigerian Dick Tiger, but Tiger wanted nothing to do with Archer, who happened to be a very good boxer with the reputation of being a spoiler. Tiger was planning a title match with Emile Griffith, a former champion. Poor Joey was out in the cold. Archer was a Bronx buddy of Ed Rohan, my production manager. When Rohan mentioned to me one day that Archer was going nuts trying to force a title shot, I figured we just might pull it off if we used some ingenuity. We did these two ads. You're looking at the entire campaign, actual size. They were minuscule ads, but they knocked fight fans dead. The first ad started the commotion, the second ad churned it into a furor. The public and the media were ensnared. *The Daily News* put Joey on the front page, challenging a snarling tiger through the bars at the Bronx Zoo. He became a hot property on the talk show circuit. Sportswriters attacked the nonplussed Dick Tiger. We had gone right to the target with Joey Archer's Irish chutzpah. The pressure on Tiger mounted. And before long, before my very eyes, Archer was given his chance to win the title by having an immediate, big money elimination bout. The Griffith-Archer match was set for the Garden. You know what happened? 1. The fight was a sellout. 2. I wasn't able to get free tickets. 3. I had to buy them from a scalper and paid through the nose. 4. I bet a bundle on Archer. 5. He lost.

George Lois has been called "One of the cleverest inhabitants of that mystical street (Madison Avenue)..." by the Wall Street Journal, *"Nearly as great a genius of mass communication as he acclaims himself to be..." by the New York* Times *and "art director, idea man, copywriter—advertising guru extraordinaire..." by the Erie, Pa.* Times-News. *In short, George Lois is one of—if not the—top advertising man around. Here's his account of how he has "packaged" boxing.*

BY GEORGE LOIS

cheek. "It's very strange when you think about it. You wouldn't think that 7-Up would want to do one where a guy's been in a competitive commercial." But Ray was so hot that it seemed to make no-never-mind to the 7-Up people when they came looking for a fresh face to brighten up their "Moving up" pool of commercials starring athletes.

Trainer, who receives hundreds of requests for potential Sugar Ray tie-ins has taken a hard-line approach to those firms trying to use Ray in commercial situations. "I don't believe in calling anybody. I don't think that's the right way to do it," Says the ex-softball player who now plays hardball with potential clients. "The attraction of Ray Leonard is that he's kind of mysterious as to popularity. There's something there and people can't put their finger on it. Secondly, he's very aloof when it comes to commercial situations. He doesn't *need* it, and we've treated it that way."

Trainer is consistent in his approach, even when they come to him with a firm deal. Take the camera company which approached him, for instance. What they asked "What do you think he wants?" Trainer responded "We want what Bruce Jenner gets . . ." There was silence. Then, "But you can't get what Bruce Jenner gets." Trainer looked at them incredulously, and said, "You got to be kidding me. Three years after the Olympics (and) Jenner hasn't done anything but eat cereal on television and this kid's been proving he's the finest in the world at what he does. . . . Are you telling me you wouldn't pay them the same?" But Trainer knew they wouldn't. And knew why. He also remembered being turned down at one New York advertising agency when someone upstairs, in a constipated manner, turned the deal down by asking, "Is that the guy with the illegitimate kid?"

In order to overcome this prejudice in the advertising ranks, Trainer has embarked on an imaginative, if unusual stance. He remains aloof. "When people call and say, 'We'd like to have him endorse out product,' I say to them, 'Send us something on your product, 'cause I don't know anything about it.' They'll be astounded and ask me what I mean. And I'll tell them, 'I know you're concerned about who Ray Leonard is, but I guarantee you know more about Ray than we know about you. So I want to know about you.' " In this way the novitiate agent keeps the big boys on Madison Avenue more than a little off guard.

He's also hard-to-get. If an advertiser comes to him asking for him to agree to a test commercial—where they'll make a commercial with three different athletes and then show them in three different theatres to test them—he'll turn them down. "It's a try-out and Ray's come too far for a try-out." Trainer's approach is to tell them, "If you don't like what you see, don't do it. If you can't believe people like him, you've got a major problem." He also turns down magazines he feels are not in keeping with Ray's image. "I turn them down, because I don't want his interview next to an ad for anything distasteful. I'll tell them 'send me your magazine.' The girlie books I just throw in the trash can. The biggest one I've ever turned down is *Penthouse.* They couldn't believe it, nobody had ever turned them down before. But I don't really think it's consistent with what he is."

But some were consistent. "7-Up originally came for a 'teaser' commercial. They did the first one and got a great response. Then," Trainer recalls "They came back and said, 'We want to do another one.' But we didn't want another one. They couldn't believe it; thought we were crazy. 'No,' I argued, 'if you want him, and are not just using him, make a commitment to him, a decent commitment.' To their credit, they did, and we got a two-year deal with them, one commercial a year for two years."

The first commercial they did was the Roberto Duran and kids commercial, right before the second fight. "There was a little bit of tension there," Trainer said. "But we made it very clear that if there was any of that kind of foolishness—such as Roberto saying, "If your kid touches my kid, I'll keel you"—Ray was going to leave. We had total input into the script and I told the agency, 'If you portray these people as friends and smiling, you're making a big mistake, 'cause it's not true. It makes our promotion look like a circus, because the promotion is built on the fact that they truly hate each other, which they do. So anything done has to be consistent with the truth." Trainer, as anxious to throw bouquets as well as brickbats, then added, "They were very good about it and did a marvelous job."

But all in all, perhaps Trainer's finest hour came in a deal with the Franklin Sporting Goods Company. Feeling that "Madison Avenue—or whatever you want to call it—is not exactly falling all over themselves to sign him up," because, as Trainer sees it, "they're looking at what market he appeals to, and you have to overwhelm them with the market and the response he generates," Trainer looked inside his own field, rather than outside it. "He's the biggest draw in boxing today. People of all sizes, shapes, ages and colors come to see him, and if he can't sell boxing equipment, he can't sell toothpaste." With that in mind Trainer set his sights on a sporting goods manufacturer. "We could go with a manufacturer who's already there, like MacGregor or Everlast, and they'd take credit for whatever they did through their great marketing and all that other stuff . . . or you could take an outfit that's hardly in boxing and make a deal with them." And that's what Trainer did, engineered a deal where Ray became the merchandising vehicle for Franklin Sporting Goods. Now his name adorns all their boxing equipment, and has propelled them to the number two spot in the market.

What's the future for Ray? "I can't see him fighting forever," says Trainer. "In fact, I don't think he's going to fight much longer. I want him to be the most successful in his field there has ever been—Hearns, Hagler and others are ahead of him—then when he's finished he can say, 'Mike I'd like to do this' and he can go do that."

Leonard, who now stands on the threshold of becoming one of the all-time greats has signed up with CBS in Washington for two years as a newscaster, will do some PM Magazine pieces, will co-host a morning interview show, do some HBO color commentary and, according to Mike Trainer, "will be a better actor than he is a fighter. I truly believe that."

Hard to believe. But then again, Mike Trainer has believed in Ray from the beginning and made his belief work. For himself and for Ray.

MIKE TRAINER

SUGAR RAY'S "ADVISOR," TAKES US BEHIND BOXING'S CANVAS CURTAIN

EVER SINCE the early annals of time, dating back to the very first mention of a promoter, "The Great Thydides," in the twenty-third book of Homer's ILIAD, promoters have been concerned, to paraphrase manager George Gainsford, with the problem of placing "asses" in "seats". If the two fighters stand alone, stripped to the skin and prepared to do battle, so too does the promoter, in one of the classic MENAGE A TROIS in all of sports and in all of business. For the word "promoter" belongs almost exclusively to the boxing arena, in the definition cited in THE AMERICAN HERITAGE DICTIONARY OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE, to wit: "Promoter- . . . A finance and publicity organizer, as of a boxing match." ¶ However, recent representatives of the specie known as promoters have come in almost as many different classifications as those which dot boxing's weight classes, none subscribing to the classic mold set down by Tex Rickard and Mike Jacobs. Now comes a new one on the horizon in the person of Mike Trainer, Esq., who guides the fortunes of Sugar Ray Leonard. And his behind-the-scenes stories are almost as colorful as the patchwork-quilt slacks he sports.

RING: Would you call yourself a promoter?

TRAINER: Here's the problem I have: I ask promoters what a promoter is and they can't tell you. No one's ever defined it. Today you have brokers, you don't have promoters. Neither Don King nor Bob Arum ever put a nickel of their own money in anything. What they do is they say to Bert Sugar, Bert would you like to fight Mike Trainer for $10,000? They get 30 days to exercise that option with you. They come to me and ask me the same thing. Then, they go to the networks. If they get over $20,000, they sell it. They come back and exercise their options. That's not promoting, that's brokering. You're saying, "If I can sell it for more than it costs me, and I don't even have to buy it before I sell it, this has got to be like stealing."

R: You were the "promoter" for the first Duran-Leonard fight. How did that come about?

T: Unfortunately, Roberto never came to Leonard. Had he done so, he would have made more money than he eventually did. The way it happened was this: Ray Leonard wanted to fight Duran for four years. But the way you have to operate in boxing is to have alternatives. A man without alternatives in boxing is dead. You have to have more than one opponent. If I went out and said "The only guy we're going to fight is Roberto Duran, "Duran is going to make a whole lot more money than he should make because you've taken yourself out of the marketplace. You've got to have more than one option. Anyway, here's what happened:

For Leonard to fight Benitez in November of 1979, we had to agree to assume Benitez' responsibility to fight the No. 1 contender by January of the following year. The No. 1 guy was Carlos Palomino at that time. In the meantime, Palomino, who has his sure shot in January, tries to get a little greedy, double up on it. He fights Duran on the undercard of Holmes vs. Weaver and loses. The WBC catapults Duran to the No. 1 position and comes back to me and says, "He is now the mandatory challenger." But I ask them if "they're kidding me." He hasn't been there a year. So, on the night of the Benetiz fight, I'm expecting someone to give me an affidavit or something I have to sign five minutes before the fight saying I agree to fight Duran. But I wasn't going to be put into that box. After the fight everybody's asking "What's Leonard going to do next?" I say, "We're going to fight a contender. But we're not fighting another war that soon." Sulaiman then tells us, "Fine, you can have one title defense and then you've got to fight the mandatory guy," which was Duran.

I then get on the phone to Carlos Eleta in Panama and say, "Carlos, let's meet, Miami, Panama, wherever you want to meet. We can make a helluva deal here. We'll get fighters to agree and then we'll go put it up on the block

PULLING NO PUNCHES

and get a phenomenal amount of money . . . But don't do anything until we meet." He said, "Fine." We had two or three meetings postponed—he can't make it, this, that and the other thing. And I say to myself, "What the hell am I chasing this guy around for? I'm trying to make him more money than he's ever made in his life." The next thing I know is what I read in the papers. Duran is in Vegas and says "Don King will promote the Leonard-Duran fight." So I get Eleta on the phone and say, "What are you doing?" He said, "Hey, Mike, we'll work with Don King." I said, "I'll talk to him, but no way am I working for him."

King comes flying in here, comes up to my office, sits down and says, "Here's the deal . . ." But that's not the deal, and I outline mine to him. He says, "That's ludicrous. You're not leaving any money for me." I said, "The test of this is if I can get somebody else to do it this way. If I can't get anybody else to do it this way, I'll come and do it your way."

Now I say to myself, "If Duran has this guy, I'll go and get another one and let them get in contact." So I go to Bob Arum and outline my deal. "Will you take this deal?" He says, "I'll take it." "Fine, you got it, I authorize you to offer Duran $1 million," I tell him, "let's put the fight on."

So then things started going back and forth. Eleta wanted King and we used Arum. And we couldn't get together. So I go back to New York and say, "OK, Bob, I guess you haven't been able to put this thing together. The hell with it. Let's fight Cuevas." He said, "They'll strip you of the title." But what the hell good's the title? Here I've been trying to call Sulaiman to get his No. 1 contender to sit down with me and I don't even get an answer from Sulaiman. Meanwhile, according to King, Sulaiman's telling everyone the split is "50-50". I say, "He can't make it 50-50, it's 75-25." King says, "He's going to change the rules because it's a 'significant fight." I'm running around saying, "What the hell's going on here anyway?" They're setting the rules and setting everything. . . .

R: Did you ask for the rules?

T: "Oh, sure. As soon as we became champion. Sent him a letter, have yet to get them. I get telegrams citing rules and I send telegrams back asking "For the rules so I can read them." Still haven't received them.

R: Do you think there is a rulebook?

T: No, that's why I haven't got them. Anyway, I say let's go with Cuevas. Arum makes the contact with Cuevas and I go to the networks. I'm going to sell the Cuevas fight. Get a nice number for it, too. We fly out to Houston for the Cuevas-Volbrecht fight. Got verbal approval from the WBA powers-that-be, subject to having a poll of people on the phone. The thing was all buttoned up.

But it wasn't. I wasn't aware that the WBA officials were all Panamanians. It never occurred to me. So apparently when they got back to Panama the next week I got a call saying "I don't think we're going to get a sanction." They were not going to sanction it because they're being influenced by Panamanians who want Leonard to fight Duran, not Cuevas. That's it, I thought. Enough of this. So I called ABC and said, "OK, forget your feelings on the WBC and the WBA. Really, all you care about is putting on great fights. Is that correct?" They said it was. I ask them, "Is Leonard-Cuevas a great fight?" Again they answered in the affirmative. "Alright, forget the sanction. This fight probably won't be sanctioned. . . ." Dead line. "Hey, wait a minute. . . ." I said, "Look, don't make me pay for a sanction. If it doesn't mean anything and all you want is to put great fights on, let's put a great fight on, cause the public doesn't really care about sanctions."

I'll give ABC a lot of credit. They were going to do it. I go back to Cuevas' people and said, "It won't be a title fight. But I don't care if it's sanctioned or not." Then Cuevas' people get a call from the WBA telling them that if you fight Leonard under *any* conditions they will take his title away. So what can I do? I don't blame the guy, but what can I do? It's back to square one. And Duran.

But now the whole thing backfires, because when this Colonel Paredes, who has been putting pressure on the WBA officials, makes them back off, he exposes himself. And soon all the newspapers start writing about this mysterious guy Paredes who used strongarm tactics to stop the Leonard-Cuevas fight. But Paredes doesn't care. He goes to Eleta and says, "I don't care about any contract. I've stopped the other fight. I want the Duran-Leonard match made." So he puts pressure on Eleta; Eleta puts pressure on King and I wind up getting King to get Eleta on the phone, "Hey, pal, I'm coming down there," I told him. "Forget all those other guys. We're going to make this fight." He did. And we did. And Arum and King—and Duran—came along for the ride.

R: Why Montreal?

T: Two reasons. One, no one involved with Ray Leonard in any of his promotions ever lost money. I like that. That encourages other people to do things with Ray. And I liked Montreal because it gave me a play-off against Caesars Palace. There are certain places that think they are the only place that can have a big fight and they get a little cocky and figure you've got to come to them. But they didn't figure I could get what I was asking for elsewhere. I was asking 3.5 million for the site rights and that's what I was going to get. The Superdome people thought I was crazy. Ceasar's Palace thought I was crazy. Then I go to Montreal and Montreal agreed to the $3.5 asking price. But the best part about it was that because the government was promoting the fight, they could insure the promotion, insure all their costs, even the insurance premium. If they had never sold a ticket, they wouldn't have lost a nickle.

R: But, if as you say, no one involved with Sugar Ray Leonard in any of his promotions ever lost money, how do you explain New Orleans?

T: Now we're talking about the second fight. That wasn't my deal. Don King tells me "I've got it. You've got to deal with me." Because Duran was the champ, he was going to try to bully me. So when I went out with Ray for one of those "Friday Night Fights" in August I said to him, "Look, I think the fight should be made." And went on to tell him, "Here's how much the fighters should make." King asked what I "had in mind." I said, "Tell you what, I'm going to work this thing out so you're going to make exactly what you did on the first fight. I'm going to sell the whole promotion for $17.2 million."

King thought I was crazy. But I told him, "Now, if I do that, you've got to agree to sell it and you've got to stay in the background, because people aren't putting this money up to let you appear at the podium and be a big shot. They want part of the ego. That's part of the fun of doing one of these things. Right?" He agreed, reluctantly, and I went out and got a group together—the same group who will be doing the Leonard-Hearns fight—who, together with the Houston Astrodome people, put the money together . . . did the contracts, everything. Then I went up and

net with King and he backed out.

He backed out using the theory that it was a disgrace to do this to a black man. What we were trying to do, he said, was take away his play . . . put him in the back of the bus again. What happened was that when he found out I had it, he thought he could get more. So I told him, "You shot off your mouth. You got Panama and the United States waiting for this fight. Now you can put this fight on. You said you were going to do it better than me, well, you're going to do it the same way, big guy . . . the same day on the same terms. You said you could do it, now you're going to do it."

Now King turns to me and says, "Well, where can we sell this thing?" I said, "It's not 'we', pal. That's your problem. You go ahead and do it." He says, "But you've got to co-operate." I said, "You shot your mouth off. Now it's your turn. Just bring me $1 million and a letter of credit for the balance—the other $6 million—and we'll show up."

So, with the same basic pie I had assembled—and remember, I had sold the delayed broadcast rights for $2 million plus ABC was going to do the production, which was another $100,000—he turned around and sold it to the Hyatt outfit, the same group that was rebuffed twice, for Leonard-Duran I and Leonard-Duran II. He sold this package for $17.5 million. But take out the foreign rights, which he did, and the delayed broadcast rights, and Hyatt was paying $21.5 for the same thing I was selling them for $17.2. I didn't have anything to do with it. We got a letter of credit, we showed up, we performed and we got the hell out. I wanted to keep at arm's length from that. King killed the goose that laid the golden egg. I would have expected something like that from Don's *last* promotion. If he intends to stay around I don't think that was very smart.

R: Have Duran's people ever approached you again?

T: I read all the stuff in the papers about claiming to fight for charity and my response to that is "Give the last one back; that's the one you didn't earn. I'll pay you for the next one if you go the distance." But there's a problem. Duran has to go out and prove to the American public that he's not going to quit again. And he has to go out and fight somebody very significant to show them. Until he does that, another fight with Leonard is not even thinkable.

But when I read he was thinking of coming back, I got on a plane and flew down to Panama to meet with an intermediary for Roberto Duran. We offered Duran a half-million dollars and offered Pipino Cuevas a half-million to fight each other on the Kalule card in June. Cuevas jumped at it and Duran turned it down. So I figured I'll just stop reading all that garbage in the papers about Duran wanting to come back.

R: How did the Kalule fight come about?

T: I always held Kalule in the back of my mind because Kalule was the ace up my sleeve if the second Duran fight never came off. I had to have something and it had to be a title fight against someone significant. Arum had positioned himself with the Kalule people and I had told him "Bob, if I can't make this other thing (Leonard-Duran II), I want to come back with Kalule." I have always wanted Ray to fight for the Junior Middleweight crown because I believe that that division is not depleted. In other words, there are many in that class who are exciting, several kids coming up, while the welterweight class is being depleted. I was not thinking Leonard-Hearns at the time I made the match. And what people don't know is that when Ray was defeated in Montreal, we made an overture to Hearns, which he turned down. He seems to pass over that, but he turned it down. So I said, "Fine, no problem, we'll go our way, you go yours . . ." Then we made the Duran fight again and then I made the Kalule fight thinking that was the normal progression and that Leonard-Hearns probably wouldn't happen til' 1982.

The WBC got upset about the Kalule fight, but what Sulaiman has never told anybody is that I was out in Vegas when he was there, some time ago. And I told him exactly what was going on. "Jose," I said, "look at the top 10 welterweights . . . it's a very active division and everybody's knocking everybody else off. This kid's got to fight important fights. We'd like to fight for the Junior Middleweight championship." He said, "I'd love you to fight Maurice Hope." I said, "Jose, I'll tell you what I'll do: I will make an effort to fight Maurice Hope. But if I can't, we're going to fight Kalule." He responded, "It would be very embarrassing, but there's nothing I can do about it."

R: Why embarrassing?

T: The theory was that the other organization (the WBA) supports South Africa and that the African nations are an important part of the WBC. But I ask Jose "How that can be? We have an African fighting a black American in the United States. I don't understand your logic." (A logic Trainer points out, which gets even more convoluted when he tries to understand Sulaiman's reasoning behind his threat to strip Leonard of his title and recognize the WBA's welterweight champion, Thomas Hearns).

Anyway, we couldn't get Maurice Hope. I tried to work something out with Mickey Duff and it didn't work. So I went back at Kalule. Now Sulaiman is raising holy hell. So I call him up. "Jose, what is the problem here?" "Mike," he says, "I'm under great pressure . . ." So I said, "Look, you don't recognize the WBA, do you?", to which he answered "No." Then I said, "Ray fighting for the WBA (title) means nothing to you. You don't recognize each other . . . Correct?" He said, "Well, I don't know . . ."

So then he said, "You have to defend your title. A mandatory title defense by June." I responded something like "That's phony-baloney", or something equally as unbelieving. "Duran fought the No. 1 contender in November," I tried to explain slowly." "Ray was the No. 1 contender (and) we've got till next November." He said, "Well, that *wasn't* a mandatory." I said, "I don't care whether it was or not, he fought the No. 1 guy."

Changing the subject adroitly, Sulaiman then said, "Now you're not defending your title every four months . . ." "We don't have to," I replied. "The last rule I ever heard of said three times a year and I can do that in three months if I want to." He then began, "Well, you don't have that rules . . ." leaving me an opening to tell him "I don't have *any* rules. What rule is this anyway?" He says "It's a new rule that passed in December . . ." Great, I think. "I didn't get a bulletin," I start. To which he responds, "You weren't at the meeting . . ." "You mean," I ask, "that I've got to go to the meeting to get the rules. That doesn't make any sense to me." He said, "Why don't you check with my lawyers." Alright, that's enough. "Why not ask your lawyers if I can be bound by a rule you never told me about," I try. "That's a good point," he concedes, and that concluded the phone conversation.

I finally got a news bulletin or news release from the WBC which said that it was alright for Ray to fight Kalule, but that they were very disappointed about it and made reference to the rule passed at the meeting. I fired off another letter saying, "Jose, I enjoyed your release and appreciated it. Would you please send me a copy of the rules you referred to in the release?" I won't get them ....

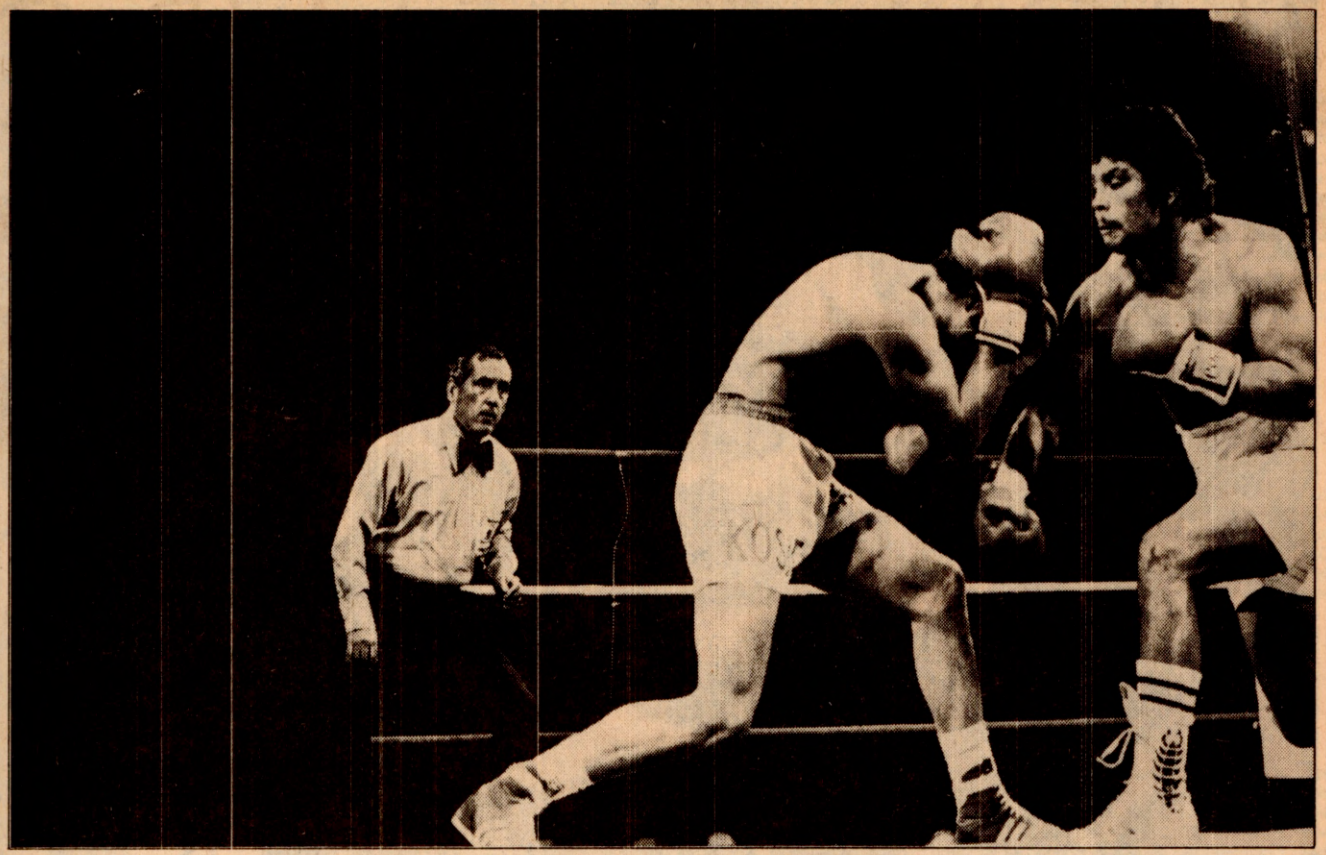
HOW THE WBC AND WBA RATE

The story of two Organizations in search of worthy fighters

THOUGH THE JUDGE DISMISSED

one of Teddy Brenner's counts against the WBC in the recently-concluded case in the United States District Court, he still commented on "the manipulation of the ratings" by the WBC. He wasn't the first to do so. In fact, the boxing community has long viewed the ratings by the WBC—and its Siamese twin organization, the WBA—as a polite form of larceny, founded on the faith of managers and promoters who feel that they, too, will get theirs. / These two punch boards have long separated the wheat from the chaff and see that the chaff is rated. And, more importantly, gets title shots. / It seems that these two bodies provided the stiffs that dreams are made of, for title fights in the lower weight divisions more often than in those more noticeable upper weights division—all the better to hide those men who, on a ratings scale of 1-10, will show up at any second for a title fight anywhere and then just as silently fade away, most to boxing's version of the elephant burial ground where they were originally found / Here, in a tribute to the infallibility of ignorance, are some of the worst jobs of finding contenders for championship bouts in the annals of these two groups which merely serve as a filling station for contenders. Perhaps that's why one wag once said of the WBC and the WBA: "They're just a place where a boxing manager with money to burn meets his match ... And gets his match. "But it is the public who gets burned in the end!

BY BERT RANDOLPH SUGAR AND RICHARD CHUDNOFF



Galindez leads and Smith follows in their WBC "waltz"

ALEXIS ARGUELLO-DIEGO ALCALA
WBC JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHT TITLE
JUNE 3, 1978
WINNER: ARGUELLO, KO 1

Diego Alcala was 36-3. In the press releases, at least. No one else could verify anything about him except that he was 31, well on his way into the twilight of his career and had lost to Patrick Ford who had a mere five fights to his record . . . Even Fecarbox (Central American and Caribbean Boxing) had him rated only No. 7 in the junior lightweight division . . . And yet, this case of mistaken nonentity had been in the WBC ratings for a year and a half, first at the No. 5 position, then No. 4, and finally, when the match was made, No. 3 . . . He went out in less than two minutes of the first round, looking like a contender going to a masquerade ball.

ALEXIS ARGUELLO-ARTURO LEON
WBC JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHT TITLE
NOVEMBER 10, 1978
WINNER: ARGUELLO, UNANIMOUS DEC. 15

Despite the fact that the WBA had never rated Arturo Leon, the WBC used his win over a mediocre Bobby Chacon to boost him out of obscurity to No. 12, then No. 8 and, eventually, the No. 6 position . . . Leon, who went into the fight with a fixed determination to lose, was effective only in eluding Arguello, surviving long enough to force the bout to a decision. . . .

ALEXIS ARGUELLO-REY TAM
WBC JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHT TITLE
APRIL 29, 1978
WINNER: ARGUELLO, TKO 5

It has been said by many in the boxing community that if Alexis Arguello were struck by lightning, the lightning would have to be towed away for repairs . . . Now the WBC spoon-fed him someone named Rey Tam, who came out of the Philippines, with a supposedly impeccable record against no-names and nobodies. The only trouble was the spoon was empty, and Tam was totally outclassed, finally throwing his hands up in the air in the traditional Roberto Duran gesture of retirement . . . Tam, who had just recently won the Orient and Pacific Junior Lightweight championship went on, as most WBC challengers, to lose his title in his first defense and dropped from his No. 4 position—which he held at the time of the Arguello fight—faster than a Pacific typhoon, never to be heard of again. . . .

WILFRED BENITEZ-TONY PETRONELLI
WBA JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT TITLE
OCTOBER 16, 1976
WINNER: BENITEZ TKO 3

On the basis of a draw with "The Loser of the Decade," Benny Huertas, in his own backyard and a build-up by his local promoter, Tony Petronelli suddenly appeared in the Summertime, 1976 WBA ratings . . . The outcome was inevitable, Petronelli spending almost as much time lying on the canvas as standing on it . . . Proving that the WBA ratings are a place fair fighters go when they can't fight anymore. . . .

MIGUEL CANTO-ANTONIO AVELAR
WBC FLYWEIGHT TITLE
FEBRUARY 11, 1979
WINNER: CANTO, UNANIMOUS DEC. 15

It was a case of an old Latin malady, two fighters from Merida, Mexico, fighting for the world's championship . . . They could have held this in a smoker in one of the neighbor's basements for all it meant . . . Antonio Avelar was, at best, a club fighter, one who brought new meaning to the word "mediocrity." In his match prior to "challenging" for the title, Avelar had been technically knocked out by Freddy Castillo in the tenth round. On the basis of that fight the WBC rated him as their No. 10 Flyweight in the world. That, and the fact that *in the ratings of the fighters from Mexico* Avelar had been rated No. 10 . . . Then, in Kosher-style fashion, the WBC dealt from the bottom of the deck and gave Canto number 10 first . . . The outcome? It was no match for Canto, although he was slipping badly and needed some cannon fodder. Avelar served this purpose. Nothing more. . . .

MIGUEL CANTO-ORLANDO JAVIERTO
WBC FLYWEIGHT TITLE
NOVEMBER 20, 1976
WINNER: CANTO, UNANIMOUS DEC. 15

Orlando Javierto's last two fights before his fight with Canto were a 10-round loss to Bernabe Villacampo and a technical knockout at the hands of the same Villacampo . . . And who got the shot? Obviously not the "C"-rated Villacampo, but the man who had *lost twice* to the "C"-rated Villacampo. Javierto. Get the picture? . . . Javierto, with a No. 7-rating played pitch-and-catch with Canto: Canto pitched and he caught, with the Champion easily winning 14 of the 15 rounds . . . The WBC once again could proudly advertise: "Poor challengers are our most important product."

MIGUEL CANTO-SUSUMU HANAGATA
WBC FLYWEIGHT TITLE
MAY 15, 1976
WINNER: CANTO, UNANIMOUS DEC. 15

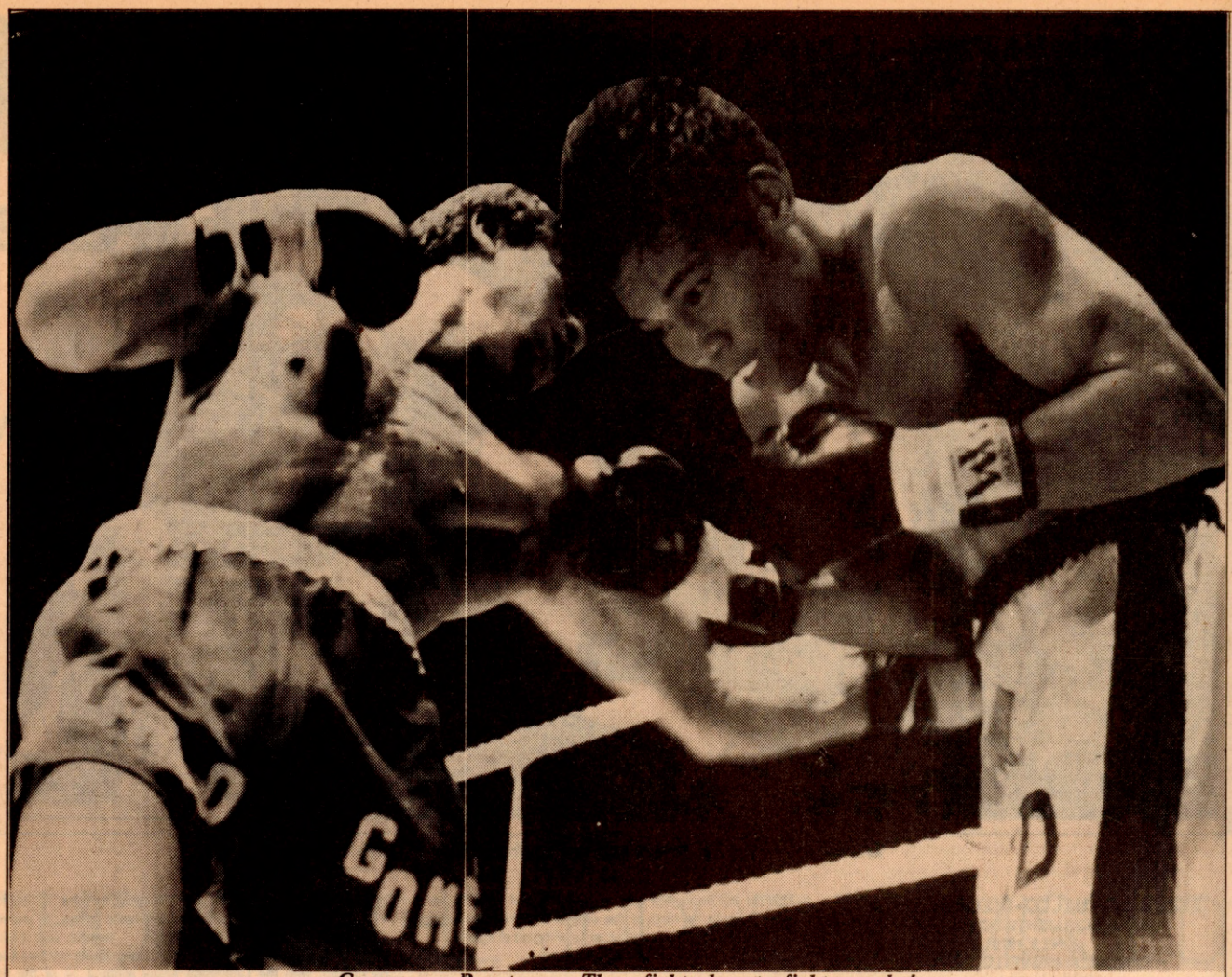
Susumu Hanagata was a professional fighter; and a professional in fighting for the flyweight championship . . . Four times before the ubiquitous Mr. Hanagata had challenged for the crown . . . And four times before he had lost. Why not again? At least, so reasoned the WBC, on the Robert of Bruce theory . . . But the ratings failed to justify his receiving another crack at the elusive crown. Carried as the No. 10 flyweight in the world by the WBC from the beginning of 1976, Hanagata had "solidified" his position by losing the only two fights he had during 1975 and had not won a fight since October 18, 1974, a period of almost 19 months. The WBC carried him twice as long as his mother had . . . In fact, Canto carried him 15 rounds more, coming away, before a hometown crowd, with a 15-round cakewalk. . . .

RICARDO CARDONA-YUKIO SEGAWA
WBA JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHT TITLE
SEPTEMBER 6, 1979
WINNER: CARDONA, UNANIMOUS DEC. 15

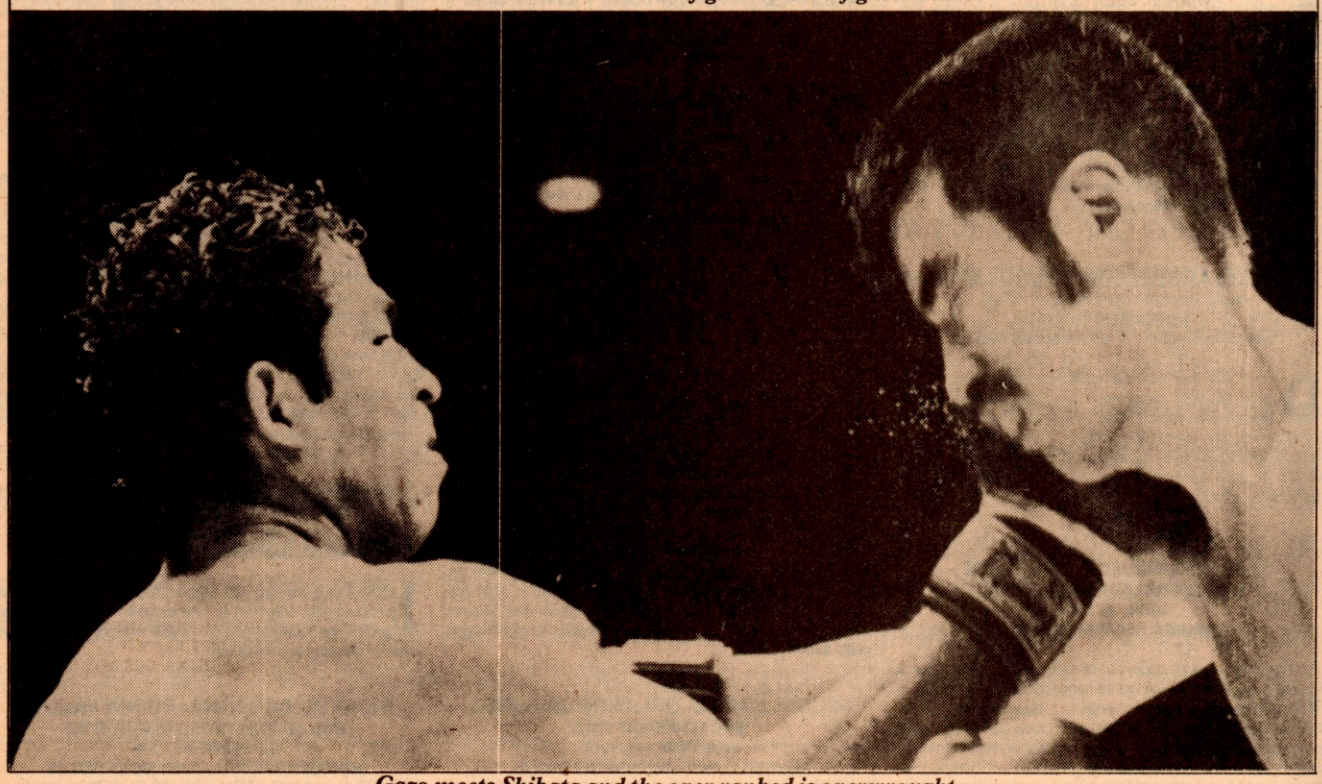
It took Yukio Segawa just a year-and-a-half and seven wins (coupled with one loss) to find himself in the never-never land of the WBA ratings . . . It took him just 15 rounds to lose his title shot *and* his rating. . . .

RICARDO CARDONA-RUBEN VALDEZ
WBA JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHT TITLE
SEPTEMBER 2, 1978
WINNER: CARDONA, UNANIMOUS DEC. 15

Here was a case of the WBA not even going through the motions, or, perhaps, not believing their own fairy tale, the ratings—the challenger not even appearing in the



Gomez over Porntanee—Three fights do not a fighter make!



Gazo meets Shibata and the over ranked is overwrought

Top Ten . . . Ironically, their rival, the WBC, had Valdez rated throughout the year . . . Perhaps the real reason for the bout was that it was the first All-Columbian title fight . . . Now *there's* a reason for a title bout. . . .

ANTONIO CERVANTES-CARLOS MARIA GIMENEZ
WBC JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT TITLE
JUNE 25, 1977
WINNER: CERVANTES, TKO 5

When the WBA stripped Wilfred Benitez of his half of the Junior Welterweight championship they had Antonio Cervantes in mind . . . But nobody gave his opponent, Carlos Maria Gimenez of Argentina, a thought, especially after he lost 10-round decisions to Hector Thompson and Nani Marrero. Despite his two losses, Gimenez was rated higher than the two men who had beaten him . . . Maybe it had something to do with the fact that he was handled by Tito Lectoure . . . Whatever, he was ranked No. 3 by the WBA and met Cervantes, rated No. 2, in a box-off for Benitez' now-vacated crown . . . When the referee, Martin Denkin, stopped the fight in the 6th, Lectoure slapped him in the face . . . Maybe he should have slapped the WBA's Rating Committee instead. . . .

PIPINO CUEVAS-BILLY BACKUS
WBA WELTERWEIGHT TITLE
MAY 20, 1978
WINNER: CUEVAS, TKO 1

Calling Billy Backus a worthy contender was like calling a midget who works for MGM a metronome . . . On December 3, 1970, he had won the welterweight title by stopping Jose Napoles on cuts. He lost the title back in 1971 and then went on to greater glories, losing two 15-rounders in 1972 to Hegemon Lewis, three out of four in 1973, two out of four in 1974, and one out of two in 1976 . . . Then, over a two-year span, he won eight out of nine, elevating him into the WBA's ratings at the No. 6 position. Then, with an added month's inactivity, and proving that a fighter who was here today is here tomorrow, the WBA boosted him to the No. 5 slot—and into a title bout against Cuevas . . . The outcome was a one-round knockout for Cuevas and Backus' retirement, from boxing and from the ratings. . . .

PIPINO CUEVAS-SCOTT CLARK
WBA WELTERWEIGHT TITLE
JANUARY 29, 1979
WINNER: CUEVAS, TKO 2

A single win over Eddie Marcelle, ending in a debatable decision, had catapulted the 28-1-0 Clark into the bottom rung of the WBA ratings . . . The title match versus Cuevas was one of the most one-sided mismatches in championship history and had to be seen to be disbelieved . . . Scott, who had momentarily flashed on the WBA ratings like a neon sign, went out in two. . . .

ESTABAN DeJESUS-SHINJI YAMABE
WBC LIGHTWEIGHT TITLE
FEBRUARY 12, 1977
WINNER: DeJESUS, TKO 6

Shinji Yamabe merited his title fight with DeJesus—at least in the eyes of the WBC—on the basis of his being knocked out by Alfredo Escalera in a challenge for the Junior Lightweight title, again being decisioned by Escalera in another bid and losing a decision to Ray Lunny III . . . Of such stuff are fighters rated. As high as No. 4 by the WBC . . . He repaid their kindness by losing to DeJesus and never fighting again. . . .

ALFREDO ESCALARA-RONNIE McGARVEY
WBC JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHT TITLE
MARCH 17, 1977
WINNER: ESCALARA, TKO 6

In order to give Alfredo Escalara a "top-ranked" opponent, the WBC pulled a sleight-of-hand, reclassifying Ronnie McGarvey, a willing and oftimes winning featherweight, as a Junior Lightweight, although he had been inactive for the better part of two years and had only recently lost an eight-round decision in a preliminary bout . . . Still, the WBC gerrymandered ratings to put him in the No. 12 slot amongst Junior Lightweights—not even in the Top Ten—in order to give Escalara someone they could approve of and he could look down on. Neither were disappointed. . . .

GUTY ESPADAS-JIRO TAKADA
WBA FLYWEIGHT TITLE
JANUARY 1, 1977
WINNER: ESPADAS, TKO 7

In yet another thrilling instance of using regionality instead of superiority for ratings, the WBA found one flyweight champion in the ointment and gave him a rating. With only 15 fights to his credit, but the Oriental Boxing Federation's champion, Jiro Takada immediately qualified for the ratings . . . Forget that in August of 1975, he had been knocked out by Miguel Canto, a notoriously light hitter, he *was* the Oriental Flyweight champion, and that alone qualified him for the WBA seal of approval. . . .

LUIS (LUMUMBA) ESTABA-RICARDO ESTUPIEN
WBC JUNIOR FLYWEIGHT TITLE
JULY 17, 1977
WINNER: ESTABA, UNANIMOUS DEC. 15

As opposed to climbing boxing's ladder, lad by lad, the WBC found someone who couldn't even find the bottom rung, Ricardo Estupien, who had a record of 9-4-1 and had never boxed a fight outside his native Columbia nor beaten any fighter of note . . . Still he had hovered in the ratings between No. 7 and No. 19, usually without any fights to justify his movement up or down . . . He managed to stay around long enough to lose this decision by a wide margin, one helluva vote of confidence for the WBC ratings. . . .

VICTOR GALINDEZ-KOSIE SMITH
WBC LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE
OCTOBER 5, 1976
WINNER: GALINDEZ, UNANIMOUS DEC. 15

Victor Galindez might have been the biggest carrier since Typhoid Mary as he waltzed to a 15-round unanimous decision over Kosie Smith, a South African who had lost 15 of his 37 professional fights and had only recently been rated by the WBA, and then only No. 9 . . . But, as soon as the ratings were published, the bout was announced, which perhaps proves that honesty is the WBA's biggest handicap. . . .

VICTOR GALINDEZ-HAROLD SKOGG
WBA LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE
MARCH 28, 1976
WINNER: GALINDEZ, KO 3

Due to make what the WBA laughingly called a "Mandatory" defense, Galindez fought one Harold Skogg, a man who had a mere 15 fights, all in his native Norway and most of which were preliminaries . . . Placed in the ratings for his "Place in the Sun", Skogg accomodated all and went out in a three-round mismatch and then proceeded to go on to lose his next fight to an ordinary fighter out of Argentina named Avenamar Peralta. . . .

EDDIE GAZO-LIM CHAE-KEUN
WBA JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHT TITLE
DECEMBER 19, 1977
WINNER: GAZO, SPLIT DEC. 15

The name Lim Chae-Keun was not even a household name in his own household, and assuredly not among boxing buffs who had no idea where this challenger had come from or why he was there. But there he was, right up in the WBA ratings and sanctioned for the world championship, having come in as No. 10 in their September, 1977 ratings and No. 8 in their October ratings . . . He lost a split decision and the WBA promptly gave him the old ratings "heave-ho", never to see him—or the results of any of his fights—again. . . .

EDDIE GAZO-SHENJI SHIBATA
WBA JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHT TITLE
SEPTEMBER 13, 1977
WINNER: GAZO, UNANIMOUS DEC. 15

The Junior Middleweight and Middleweight divisions are the Ellis Islands of Japanese boxing, nobody comes through there anymore. But one did, Shenji Shibata, who, in his second professional fight, fought for and won the Japanese version of the Junior Middleweight title. Something akin to being the best tailor in a nudist colony . . . In his eighth pro fight Shibata had fought for the Orient Junior Middleweight title and had been stopped in the 10th round. Two years later he was stopped on another trip to Korea . . . Still, he maintained his Japanese title, whatever that meant, and was rated No. 9 by the WBA for two months before the fight and finally boosted to No. 8 for the rating period prior to the fight . . . A lot of good it did him, and the WBA promptly dumped him back out of the ratings immediately after the fight. . . .

EDDIE GAZO-KOICHI WAJIMA
WBA JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHT TITLE
JUNE 7, 1977
WINNER: GAZO, TKO 11

When an old warhorse tries to comeback, what better track to try it on than WBA ratings track? Koichi Wajima, three-times former WBA Junior Middleweight champion, who had lost his title to Jose Duran, had laid off for 13 months. Now, coming out of mothballs, he was reincarnated for yet another try at the crown, this time against the now-new champion, Eddie Gazo . . . The WBA, strangely enough, took little or no cognizance of his 13-month layoff, and had rated him for that entire period, probably from memory, or rewarding him for inactivity—boxing's version of the welfare program—had moved him from No. 7 to No. 6 . . . Losing to Gazo, Wajima never fought again, but if the WBA had its way they probably still could rate him and get him another title fight. . . .

WILFREDO GOMEZ-SADAK PORNTAVEE
WBC SUPER BANTAMWEIGHT TITLE
JUNE 2, 1978
WINNER: GOMEZ, TKO 3

After *only three* professional fights in his entire career, although he had been a kick boxer—which bears about as much relationship to boxing as horse racing bears to drag racing—Sadak Porntavee was rated No. 2 by the WBC and given a title shot, with the usual predictable result . . . And you thought it used to be dishonest to owe 8¢ on a overdue library book. . . .

WILFREDO GOMEZ-RAUL TIRADO
WBC SUPER BANTAMWEIGHT TITLE
JULY 11, 1977
WINNER: GOMEZ, TKO 5

Following a second-round knockout at the hands of Jesus Esparragoza on March 6, 1977, Raul Tirado dropped from his No. 7 ranking to No. 9, but then, based on his doing absolutely nothing of significance, he got a crack at the WBC title. The WBC obviously believed that it was better to sell ham in the ratings than on rye. . . .

YOKO GUSHIKEN-TITO ABELLA
WBA JUNIOR FLYWEIGHT TITLE
OCTOBER 28, 2979
WINNER: GUSHIKEN, KO 7

Tito Abella of the Philippines came from nowhere to suddenly appear as the No. 10-rated contender in September of 1979, and became a challenger for the World title 21 days later. With timing being as questionable as it is, and we being as questionable as we are, chances are that Abella was not even in the top ten when he was selected as challenger . . . Why should he be? He was not in the top 10 of the Oriental and Pacific Boxing Federation . . . But then again, the joke was on us. Pranks for the memory, WBA. . . .

YOKO GUSHIKEN-MONTSAYARM MAHACI
WBA JUNIOR FLYWEIGHT TITLE
OCTOBER 9, 1977
WINNER: GUSHIKEN, KO 4

The WBA, owning up to its well-deserved reputation as boxing's body snatchers, outdid themselves with this one . . . They came up with one Montsayarm Mahachi, who came into the ratings with a sterling 3-1-0 record, the only world-class fighter he had fought giving him his loss . . . It has been rumored that Gushiken needed someone against whom to show off his talents in front of townfolk and that Mahachi was more than adequate to the task, not even the best at his weight in the Orient . . . In fact, if the truth be known, the WBA somehow managed to bypass their own rules by allowing the fight, the WBA once again proving their ratings were too good to be true. . . .

SOO HWAN HONG-MASURO YU KASAHARA
WBA JUNIOR FEAHERWEIGHT TITLE
FEBRUARY 1, 1978
WINNER: HONG, UNANIMOUS DEC. 15

When the WBA established their ratings for the Junior Featherweight division in July of 1977, they obviously had something in mind. What it was is hard to say, but maybe, just maybe, they felt that every crowd has a silver lining and that a Japanese fighter who can draw large crowds is worthwhile rating . . . That's what they found in Yu Kasahara, the Japanese champ, who won his title in either his third or sixth fight, depending upon whom you believe. Kasahara, con-

spicuously absent in the first ratings became No. 6 suddenly in the August ratings and then, undoubtedly based on his ability to stay inactive, rose to Nos. 4 and 3 and a title shot . . . The proud possessor of a glass ear, Kasahara was down no less than five times as Hong bounced him around like a yo-yo; or was that yu-yu?. . .

MAURICE HOPE-MIKE BAKER
WBC JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHT TITLE
SEPTEMBER 25, 1976
WINNER: HOPE, KO 7

Mike Baker was a willing fighter. Nothing less, but certainly nothing more. He had built up a very respectable record since turning pro in '73 on a steady diet of stiffs, but couldn't beat a "live" fighter, losing twice to second-raters whom he was supposed to beat . . . On the basis of what Muhammad Ali calls "the right complexion and the right connection", in this case Edward Bennett Williams, his manager and, not incidentally, the attorney for the WBC, Baker got into the WBC ratings in July of 1979 as the tenth man on the totem pole and again appeared in August proving that the WBC ratings are like a seaport, with the tied running in and the untied running out . . . That was enough for the WBC, which promptly gave him a shot at the crown with the usual results. . .

HILMER KENTY-YOUNG HO-OH
WBA LIGHTWEIGHT TITLE
AUGUST 2, 1980
WINNER: KENTY, TKO 5

If you believe that Young Ho-Oh was a valid challenger for the lightweight title then you'd probably believe your wife has given up smoking cigarettes when you find cigar butts strewn all around the house . . . This nonentity, who never was had never fought anyone of importance nor out of his own backyard. Yet here he was in a WBA-sanctioned title fight . . . It was a case of ranking a man as a contender merely because he's a regional champion, something like calling a man, in your best W.C. Fields intonation, the world's tallest pygmy . . . Oh, the WBA! . .

DAVID (POISON) KOTEY-SHIG FUKUYAMA
WBC FEATHERWEIGHT TITLE
JULY 16, 1976
WINNER: KOTEY, KO 3

If you can believe that a man who was knocked out by Hyun Kim, Eder Jofre, Rafael Lopez, Shunzo Terukino, Jose Luis Lopez, Ron McGarvey, Frankie Baltizar, Sean O'Grady and Ruben Olivares was championship-calibre, then you'd have no trouble accepting Shig Fukuyama as the WBC-sanctioned opponent for David (Poison) Kotey . . . But if you think that he was merely a kamakazi pilot who had failed his mission, you'd probably be more right than wrong. . .

MASASHI KUDO-JOO HO
WBA JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHT TITLE
DECEMBER 13, 1978
WINNER: KUDO, SPLIT DEC. 15

Once again we have a case where the WBA engaged in ratings to avoid thinking . . . Unrated by the Oriental and Pacific Boxing Federation—and stripped of his title because he cancelled a scheduled defense against one of his countrymen, Joo Ho was almost a man without a rating . . . The WBA, which obviously felt no obligation to rate a fighter on something so simple as ability, handed out its No. 10 rating to him based on sectionalism, then moved him up to No. 6 as if to reinforce their sectional stand . . . The fight itself was much like the ratings which bred it, a clinching, dull affair with both boxers doing their best to do their worst. . .

DANNY LOPEZ-FEL CLEMENTE
WBC FEATHERWEIGHT TITLE
OCTOBER 21, 1978
WINNER: LOPEZ, DISQ. 4

The WBC, like a pigeon, is something to be admired as long as it doesn't hang over your head. But sometimes they unnaturally do to boxing what a pigeon naturally does to most of us . . . One such case was Fel Clemente, who had once been rated as No. 9 by the WBC, but on the basis of three conspicuous losses to ordinary fighters in Stockton, Cal., was dropped to the 13th slot. It was from that lucky position that the WBC sanctioned his fighting for the title . . . It was one for the birds!

DANNY LOPEZ-JOSE DEPAULA
WBC FEATHERWEIGHT TITLE
APRIL 23, 1978
WINNER: LOPEZ, TKO 6

In the 'Ole West the WBC would have been shot for stacking the deck in order to sanction a bout between Danny Lopez and *Jose DePaula* . . . He must have slipped out of somebody's sleeve because he was unrated by both the WBA and *Ring* . . . This was a definite case of "Quick Before You Blink" . . . We hear that before this fight, he'd never been out of Brazil. And you know what a 'hotbed' of prizefighting that country is. . .

DANNY LOPEZ-JOSE TORRES
WBC FEATHERWEIGHT TITLE
SEPTEMBER 13, 1977
WINNER: LOPEZ, TKO 7

Taking a page from P.T. Barnum,—and even improving upon it to the tune of fooling all the people *all* the time—the WBC sanctioned Jose Torres as a challenger for the featherweight title . . . This off his loss to Alexis Arguello, draw with Abdul Bey and loss to Francisco Coronado . . . But figuring that No. 9 might, to steal a page form Avis, "try harder," Torres was given his title shot, one which proved better than it should have been not due to Torres' talent but because of Lopez' ability to be hit. . .

ROCKY MATTIOLI-JOSE LUIS DURAN
WBC JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHT TITLE
MAY 14, 1978
WINNER: MATTIOLI, KO 5

Duran had once been the WBA Junior Middleweight titleholder, but that was many fights and two years before. Now, at the age of 32 and with almost 80 fights under his belt, Duran, who was rated No. 5 and had just lost to Ayub Kaule, was thought to be a soft touch by Italian promoter Umberto Branchini, who needed one for Mattioli's homecoming . . . He got it, with Duran showing absolutely nothing, except that nothing recedes like success, going down three times and looking like he couldn't beat Mr. Whipple or his squeezable product. . .

SAENSAK MUANGSURIN-MIKE EVERETT
WBC JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT TITLE
AUGUST 20, 1977
WINNER: MUANGSURIN, TKO 6

This match raised more eyebrows than expectations, with the challenger, one Mike Everett, having lost two of his last three fights, the one win coming in a ten-round decision over a class "C" fighter . . . Once as high as No. 8, Everett that had dropped out of the top ten on the basis of his two losses. But, lo and behold, he entered the rarified atmosphere of the top ten in June of '77, appearing as No. 10, just in time for the match, but is truth is to be told, not before the signing . . . After his defeat by Muangsurin, the WBC had a version of remorse code and removed him from their world ratings . . . Forever!

SAENSAK MUANGSURIN-ISHIMATSU (GUTS) SUZUKI
WBC JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT TITLE
APRIL 2, 1977
WINNER: MUANGSURIN, KO 6

After he lost the WBC Lightweight championship to Esteban DeJesus—in as close to a 15-round shutout as was ever pitched—Guts Ishimatsu, as he was known in Japan, retired from the ring and became a TV comedian . . . Ballooning up to suma wrestler proportions, Guts had the guts to come back 11 months later to challenge for the Junior Welterweight championship. That is he came back after losing almost 40 pounds . . . But his inactivity and weight did not keep the ever-current WBC from keeping him in the ratings as their No. 9-rated Junior Welterweight. Then, unbelievably, while the negotiations for the fight were underway, they elevated the overweight Suzuki to the No. 6 position. This despite the fact he had never fought as a Junior Welterweight nor had a fight of any kind for more than six months . . . Maybe Guts laughed his way up the ladder and into the WBC's laughable ratings.

ELISHA OBED-TONY GARDNER
WBC JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHT TITLE
FEBRUARY 28, 1976
WINNER: OBED, KO 2

Tony Gardner was a club fighter who had fattened his record up on stiffs provided for him by his manager, Pat O'Grady, so much so that his 38-6-0 record included five knockout wins over the same fighter, Ronnie Cichon . . . For this he was ranked No. 10 by the WBC, the operative word being "rank" . . . It took O'Grady more than a minute to revive his charge after his knockout, and even less to collect the $10,000 Gardner got for being No. 10 in as one-sided a championship fight as has ever been seen. Or obscene. . .

RAFAEL ORTEGA-HARUGI (FLIPPER) UEHARA
WBA FEATHERWEIGHT TITLE
MAY 29, 1977
WINNER: ORTEGA, UNANIMOUS DEC. 15

For his first title defense Rafael Ortega was fed one of Japan's famous fighting family, Harugi (Flipper) Uehara. But Uehara was in there not as a representative of boxing's version of the Flying Walindas so much as a reward for having beaten Yoshido Shujo in ten rounds, reversing a prior ten-round loss to him. . . . This was enough for the WBC and they moved Flipper into the top ten, even though his overall record was something like 13-4-1 . . . Ortega took Flipper through the hoops and won a disappointing—and somewhat boring—15-rounder . . . Uehara, blessedly, has not fought since. . .

CARLOS PALOMINO-EVERALDO COSTA AZEVADO
WBC WELTERWEIGHT TITLE
SEPTEMBER 13, 1977
WINNER: PALOMINO, UNANIMOUS DEC. 15

In another classic case of "The More You Lose The Higher You're Ranked," the WBC selected Everaldo Costa Azevado as Carlos Palomino's "opponent" for his national television debut . . . it could not have been a worse choice, as Azevado, who had earned his title shot by moving up from No. 8 to No. 6 on the basis of a loss to Pedro Rojas of Venezuela and a mediocre, albeit 14-year, career . . . Prominently timid, Azevado "stunk out the joint", cinching and ducking throughout the fight, but never getting down to the business at hand, boxing. . .

CARLOS PALOMINO-MIMOUN MOHATAR
WBC WELTERWEIGHT TITLE
MARCH 18, 1978
WINNER: PALOMINO, TKO 9

Ranked No. 14 by the WBC at the time of the bout and called "Joe McStiff" by the press, Mohatar had lost at least 16 fights and drawn with another four opponents during his otherwise lacklustre 47-bout career . . . Once in the Top Ten, even that is hard to believe since he had never beaten a world class fighter and there is evidence to support those who believe he had won only 5 of his last 13 fights prior to fighting Palomino, including two of his last four. . .

CARLOS PALOMINO-JOSE PALACIOS
WBC WELTERWEIGHT TITLE
DECEMBER 10, 1977
WINNER: PALOMINO, KO 13

Showing internationalism, tinged with red, green and white corpuscles, the WBC elevated Pipino Cuevas' former stablemate, Jose Palacios, to the No. 9 position in their September, 1977 ratings on the basis of his win over a washed-up Armondo Muniz . . . That was enough for the WBC, which rated him No. 9. And, as night follows the ratings, 10 days later he signed to fight Palomino. . .

EUSEBIO PEDROZA-ROYAL KOBAYASHI
WBA FEATHERWEIGHT TITLE
JANUARY 9, 1979
WINNER: PEDROZA, TKO 13

Royal Kobayashi was a world champion. Once. But, going into the Pedroza fight he was but one for four in title bouts, more proof that Japan is willing to promote world title fights with one of their fighters as a principal regardless of whether he is qualified or not . . . Perhaps, as has been rumored, Japanese TV moneys and their ready availability are behind it. Whatever, Kobayashi, who had never gone far from the Land of the Rising Sonys, came out batting one for five. . .

EUSEBIO PEDROZA-ENRIQUE SOLIS
WBA FEATHERWEIGHT TITLE
NOVEMBER 27, 1978
WINNER: PEDROZA, UNANIMOUS DEC. 15

Bobbing to the surface—at least in time for the ratings period covering this sanctioned title fight in the No. 7 position—was an ordinary club fighter named Enrique

Solis . . . He had previously lost to Alexis Arguello and Diego Alcala. But that didn't stop the forces which move boxing in Puerto Rico and Panama from selling the public a bill of goods and putting this one together. . . .

RODRIGO VALDEZ-MAX COHEN
WBC MIDDLEWEIGHT TITLE
MARCH 28, 1976
WINNER: VALDEZ, TKO 4

The ratings have been likened to a giant privy with all those outside trying to get in and all those inside doing their damndest to get out . . . Nobody ever did more to get out than Max Cohen, who shouldn't even have been there in the first place, or in the second place either, which is where he was, No. 2 . . . Cohen's last seven fights showed an underwhelming 3-2-2 record, and yet he was rated No. 2 behind Carlos Monzon by the WBC. His only win coming over Jean Claude Bouttier in December, 1974, a fight won on cuts. And his head . . . Going down twice. Cohen quit in the ring and then did the only gentlemanly thing he could, quitting the ring itself after the fight. . . .

JIM WATT-ROBERTO VASQUEZ
WBC LIGHTWEIGHT TITLE
NOVEMBER 3, 1979
WINNER: WATT, TKO 9

Roberto Vasquez had parlayed one lucky punch to Andy Ganigan's jaw into a No. 10 rating by the WBC. This despite his three losses and one draw in six fights in 1978 . . . The outcome was never in as much doubt as the reason for his rating. . . .

CARLOS ZARATE-EMILIO HERNANDEZ
WBC BANTAMWEIGHT
JUNE 9, 1978
WINNER: ZARATE, KO 4

To the credit of ABC, they canceled the showing of this "disgusting mismatch" due to what they called a "discrepancy in the record of Hernandez" . . . However, if they didn't know, they should have. After all, he was the WBC's No. 5-rated challenger, although rated only No. 5 by FECARBOX (the Central American and Caribbean Boxing Federation), a full-fledged member of the WBC . . . Why did the four boxers appearing above Hernandez in FECARBOX's ratings fail to appear in the WBC's ratings, and why was he in the ratings at all, inasmuch as his bout prior to the championship fight was a knockout at the hands of Nelson Cruz? . . .

CARLOS ZARATE-MENSAN KPALOGO
WBC BANTAMWEIGHT TITLE
MARCH 10, 1979
WINNER: ZARATE, KO 3

Here was a boxer whose name carried him. An exotic name to be sure, but nobody knew anything about him or his record, except that he was something called "African bantamweight champion." The only thing really known about him was that he was rated No. 1 by the WBC from July, 1978 until the fight in March of 1979, a total of nine months . . . The only thing the fight proved—other than the Kpalogo was hopelessly mismatched,—was that the WBC perhaps rates their fighters according to membership and geography and not their skills . . . Apparently they put another worm on the hook to entice these member-nations to support them. Otherwise there is no sensible reason for this fight, nor the ranking of Kpalogo. . . .

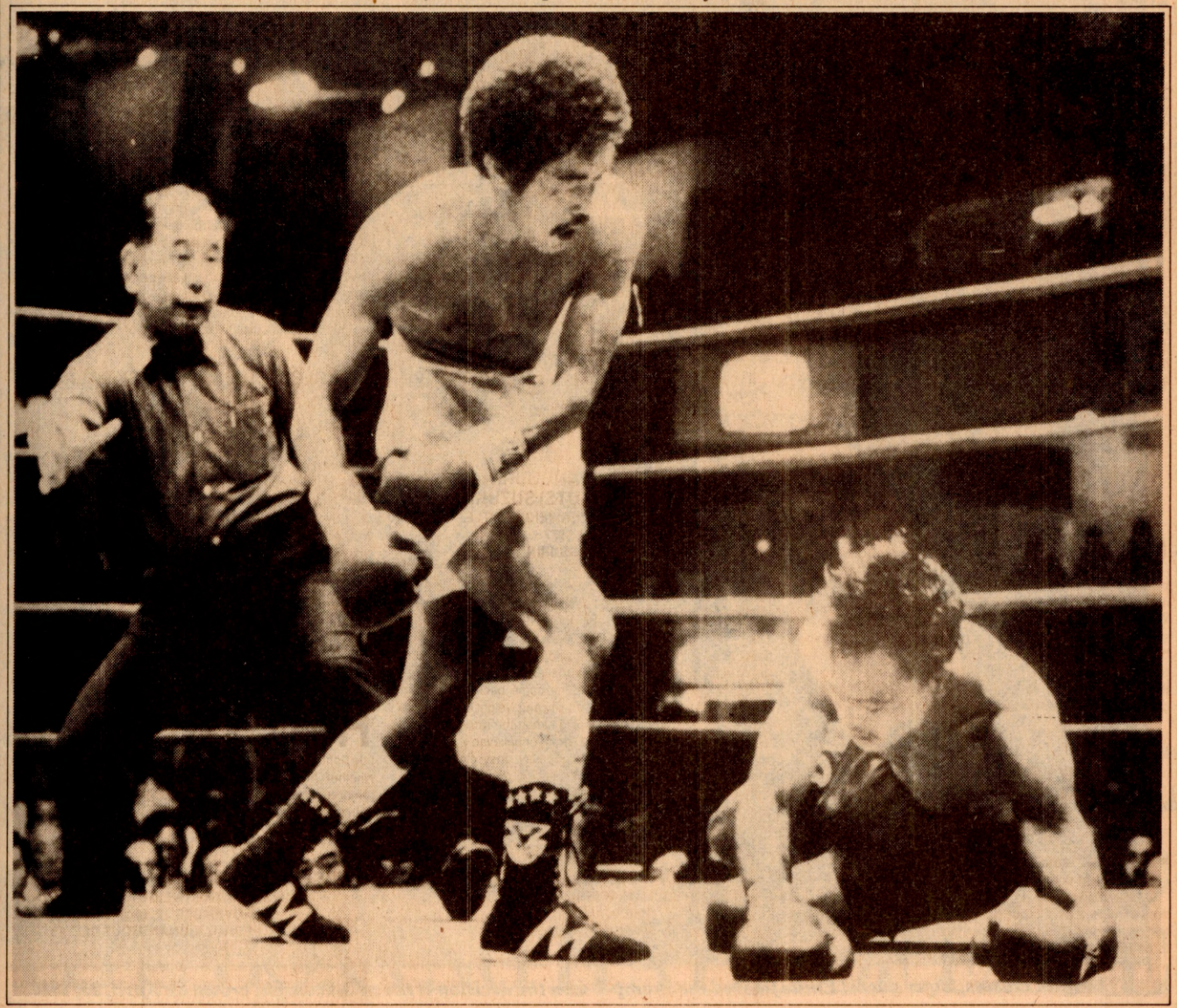
CARLOS ZARATE-WARUINGE NAKAYAMA
WBC BANTAMWEIGHT TITLE
NOVEMBER 13, 1976
WINNER: ZARATE, KO 4

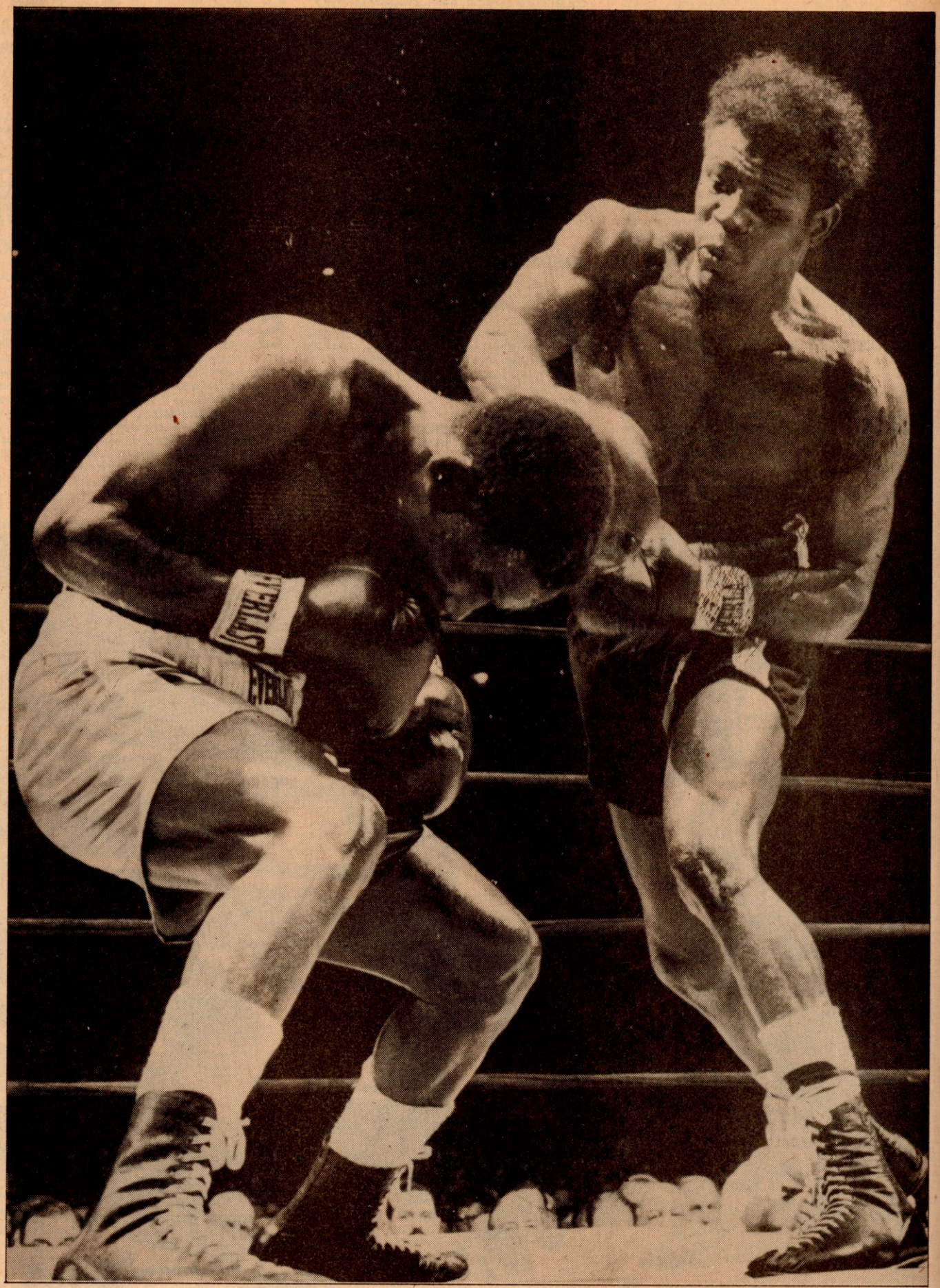
Knocked out by Rigoberto Riasco in the newly-conceived Junior Featherweight division, Waruinge Nakayama thereby "earned" his No. 9 ranking by the WBC for the rating period of this fight, and this fight alone . . . After going down four times, he was counted out of the fight and counted of the ratings forever, yet another example of the "Now-you-see-them-now-you-don't" way the WBC and the WBA rate fighters and "arrange" title bouts. . . .

CARLOS ZARATE-JUAN F. RODRIGUEZ
WBC BANTAMWEIGHT TITLE
DECEMBER 2, 1977
WINNER: ZARATE, TKO 5

Speak of timing, the WBC sure has it. Just two days before Carlos Zarate added Juan Rodriguez' pelt to his list of KO victims—49 in 50 fights—he was named by the WBC as their "Fighter of the Year." . . . Moreover, and not unimportantly, the world title fight was to coincide with the 13th annual convention of the WBC, at which time Jose Sulamain, El Presidente of the WBC, was to receive the WBC Gold Medal from Juan Carlos, King of Spain . . . Now, back to the fight. Juan Rodriguez was, at best, a preliminary fighter, never tested beyond the eight-round limit and had a 4-1-1 record. . . . Rodriguez fulfilled his mission, throwing up his hands in the fifth round. Quite a convention. And quite a set-up by the WBC. . . .

A Tale of the Well-Expected: Gushiken floors Abella





Griffith crosses, Tiger ducks! Emile floored the champ & won the decision & the middleweight crown on April, 25, 1966

¶The Ring Boxing Hall of Fame elected three new members—Emile Griffith, Jack "Doc" Kearns and Arthur Donovan—for 1981, bringing the membership of boxing's elite up to 152. ¶ Three divisions comprise the Hall of Fame: the PIONEERS, elected by the Board of Directors; the OLD-TIMERS, made up for fighters who were active over thirty-five years ago, elected by a special board of experts; and the MODERNS, who are elected by a panel composed of newspapermen, radio and television sportcasters, and other experts from around the world. Election to the Moderns section of the Hall is won by a fighter who has been active within the last thirty-five years, retired for two or more years, and who receives 75% of all the votes cast. ¶ The Board elected two new members to the Pioneer section of the Hall, thus bringing to a total of six the men who achieved this distinction through their meritorious service to boxing rather than with their fists.

¶ NAT LOUBET ON EMILE GRIFFITH ARTHUR DONOVAN JACK "DOC" KEARNS

¶ Emile Griffith is the only fighter to gain admittance to the Moderns Section of the Hall of Fame for 1981, with more than 75% of the voters nominating him. ¶ In his prime, when he won the welterweight crown for the first time, he was pinch-waisted and broad of shoulders with the slender body of a ballet dancer. He fought as a professional 112 times in all. His snaky left hook and a formidable right hand combined to win him the welterweight title on three occasions and the middleweight crown twice, all of which places him among the all-time greats in his profession. ¶ In those days he was a sucker for a marimba band or for a friend in need. He wore hip-hugger pants as mod as anything seen on Carnaby Street, with ankle-high suede boots, a heavy gold bracelet on one wrist and rings on his fingers. ¶ He is heavier these days and no longer rich, but he still sports the same boyish smile he always wore. His now-balding dome is the setting for two large very dark eyes that still dance and play with warmth. But Emile can be moody. Ask those who managed him in the halcyon years, Gil Clancy, then a physical instructor in the New York school system, and Howard Albert, a successful women's hat manufacturer. ¶ But let's go back a way to the beginning. The new Hall of Famer was born on February 3, 1939, in Charlotte Amalie, in the Virgin Islands. Emile Alphonso Griffith Jr., was destined to become the first world title holder to come from these same islands. ¶ Emile has been many things, including a movie usher, but his real beginning came with Howard Albert, where he worked as a delivery boy. Before long Howie moved him up to the job of a stock clerk and then gave the kid a break and allowed him to design a hat or two. But Howie really had his eye on Emile as a future fighter. An amateur in his day, Albert was always on the lookout for possible new amateurs who could make it in the Golden Gloves. Maybe it was the way Griffith moved, with grace and style. But whatever it was that caught his eye, Albert

A FIGHTER, A REFEREE & A MANAGER ELECTED TO THE BOXING HALL OF FAME

went to work to convince Emile that he should take up fighting.

¶ Emile, who could possibly have made it in baseball as a catcher, or as a dancer, or even as a model, was pressured by Albert.

¶ "I always like all sports," Emile said in his broad island diction, "but boxing wasn't one of them. Mr. Howard wanted to make a fighter out of me. He was my boss, and he did."

¶ The man who left school after the eleventh grade and supported as many as seventeen members of his family is vigorous, with the gentlest of voices and the enthusiasm of a cheerleader, all of which belies the ferocity that motivated his fists in the years he plied his trade of leather pushing, from the winning of the 147-pound titles in New York and in Inter-City Golden Gloves competition, through his first bout professionally in 1958 up to his last encounter in 1977, a losing effort to Alan Minter in Monte Carlo.

¶ Twenty-four fights and some three years after entering the pros Emile won his first crown as a welterweight, defeating Benny (Kid) Paret with a thirteenth round kayo. The same year, a few fights later, he lost the crown back to Paret in a fifteen-round decision. In a rubber match a year later, 1962, in Madison Square Garden, he knocked out Paret in twelve rounds, Benny dying as a result of the beating he took at the hands of Emile.

¶ It was a mad Emile who went into the ring that night, beset by "mean sayings by Paret." The aftermath left a saddened Emile, but one who had accepted boxing's harsh reality that if one fought, one had to take chances. He once said, "A man who wants to fight for the title must gamble." Benny did, and lost.

¶ In 1963 Griffith again lost his crown, this time to Luis Rodriguez. But three months later he regained his title, defeating Rodriguez in a fifteen-round decision.

¶ Not only did Emile fight as a main-eventer more times than any other fighter, but over the course of his legendary career he had more welterweight title fights than any other welterweight in history. He also became the only welterweight to win the welter title three times.

¶ Rarely have welterweights won the middleweight championship—only Robinson and Basilio before him accomplishing this rare feat—but Emile, running out of opponents, moved up into the heavier class and in 1966 won a fifteen round decision over the favorite, Dick Tiger, to win the world middleweight crown. The following year he lost his championship to Nino Benvenuti. Five months later he again took on Benvenuti and rewon his middleweight title. In a rubber match Emile lost his middle crown to Benvenuti. The time was 1967 and although this was the beginning of the end, he fought for ten more years, meeting them all—winning over lesser talent and losing to better opponents such as Carlos Monzon.

¶ At this point in his career he was a sensitive craftsman who didn't know how else to make a living. In 1963 Griffith received the Boxing Writers' Edward J. Neil Memorial Trophy as the "Fighter of The Year".

¶ Today the gold bracelets are gone, as are the rings. But Emile still wears the tight pants and sports the big grin. He works with kids in the gym or with top talent preparing for a stiff encounter.

¶ Recently he worked with Wilfred Benitez and was heard to say, "A maid, that's what I am. It was easier when I was fighting." The five-time world champion was having one of his moody moments, but recently Benitez gave due credit to Emile for his victory over Carlos Palomino. He said "Emile won this fight for me."

¶ On the whole it is hard for the one-time superfighter to live with the daily chores of a trainer. "What do I do in the gym, I pick up equipment and half of what I say goes poof," he says. "And before I'm done I want to work with kids more and champs less. The kids, they'll listen!"

¶ Although the millions may have gone, along with the big cars and the champagne, if Emile has learned anything it is that boxing is no preparation for other lines of work. He can no longer support the entire family and his friends.

¶ He remembers: "I fought with only my left hand for the last two years, my shoulder had so much calcium in it. It was then that I made a pact that if I got hurt I would quit. If someone I should not lose to defeated me and hurt me I would say 'finish'. That happened and I say finish!" That was 1977.

¶ But still, through it all, Griffith is not sour. Only the second man to receive the Medal of Honor from the Virgin Islands—the first man wrote the constitution—he may have given us an insight into what makes him tick in past quotes: "I like to walk the street and have people recognize me," he said. "I like them to know who I am. I like who I am and that's important."

¶ When Emile walks down the street he can well be proud of his achievements. People will know who he is—a five time champion and a member of *The Ring* Boxing Hall of Fame. That's who!

¶ The first non-fighter elected to the Hall of Fame was Nat Fleischer in 1975. Dan Daniel, a member of the Fourth Estate, was honored in 1977; Sam Taub, a veteran newspaperman and sportcaster, made it in 1978, Tex Rickard, world famous promoter, gained entrance in 1980. This year, for the first time in its 27-year history, The Hall of Fame honors two men for their contributions outside the squared ring: Arthur Donovan, known around the globe for his refereeing, and Jack "Doc" Kearns, the most famous of all managers.

¶ Arthur Donovan is the first referee to gain this honor. He is also the first man to enter a Hall of Fame whose son is *also* a Hall of Famer, his son being Arthur Donovan Jr., former star with the Baltimore Colts, who is enshrined at Canton, Ohio, in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

¶ Artie was dubbed by many early in his career as "The Joe Louis Referee," an accolade richly deserved, having served as the arbiter in twenty of Joe's bouts—twelve of them championship contests. He had been the third man in the ring for two other title fights prior to the Louis era, both with Primo Carnera. Donovan was in there with Carnera and Max Baer on June 14, 1934, and his first heavyweight title assignment came when Carnera slugged it out with Jack Sharkey on June 29, 1933.

¶ Donovan came from a fighting family. His father, Mike, had been a U.S. middleweight champ and an instructor of boxing at the New York Athletic Club from 1876 up to his retirement in 1914.

¶ Growing up with fighters all around him, including "Gentleman" Jim Corbett—who had been trained by Mike when Jim was training for his fracas with John L. Sullivan—boxing became a way of life for young Artie. Corbett spent much of his leisure time around the Donovan household and became a close friend of Artie's. Arthur once said of Corbett, "My life was never the same after being touched by Jim. He filled me with a burning desire to emulate him. I wanted desperately to become a world champion."

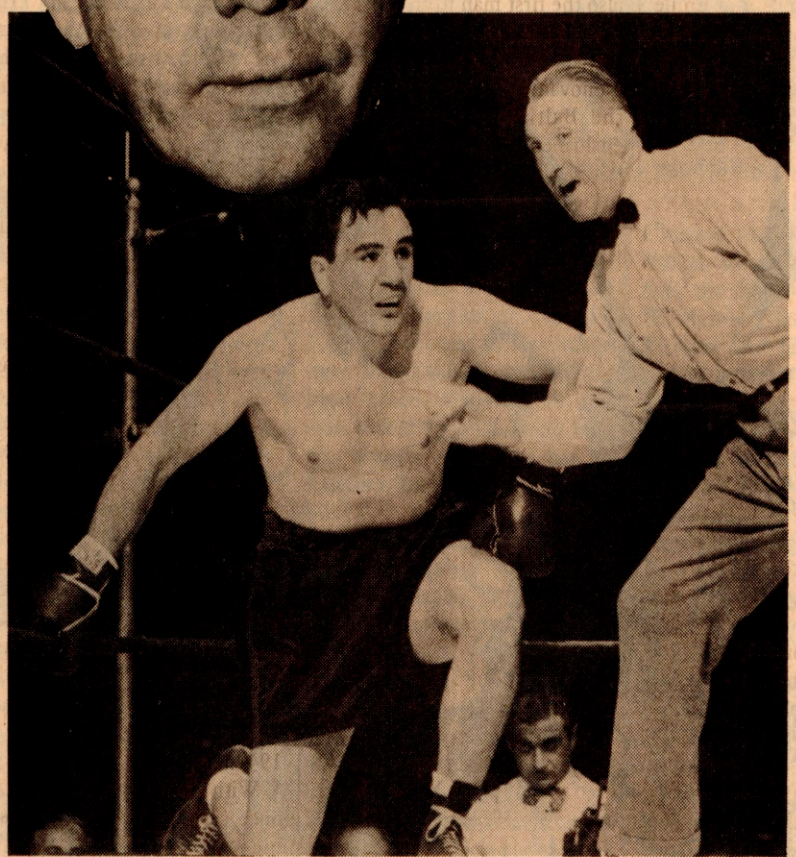
¶ Around this time the younger Donovan began to fight professionally under an assumed name. In talking about his early days a few years back he recalled: "Pop never wanted me to become a pug, but boxing was in my blood and I had to give it the old try. I tried, but it wasn't enough."

¶ Boxing was in Arthur's blood all right and he let it course through it for most of his life. He played the role of the third man in the ring from 1923 to 1946.

¶ With his usual warm smile, he once said, "I am in my sunset but I have done those things in life as close to being a fighter as I could. I've helped youngsters, attempted to bring a high stan-

Kearns and Dempsey observe the Maxim during a break at Joey's training camp in the Catskills.

Swim the Atlantic! "Doc" was afraid he'd have to do just that after he'd bet it "all" on Mickey Walker to win over Tommy Mulligan in London. Walker won and Kearns kept dry.



Arthur Donovan, the "Counting Expert", does his "thing" over Tami Mauriello to end the bout with Joe Louis at 2:09 of the 1st round.

HALL OF FAME BALLOTING

(106 Total Ballots; Needed To Elect '80)

EMILE GRIFFITH	82
BOB FOSTER	65
JOSE NAPOLES	55
BOB MONTGOMERY	52
JOEY GIARDELLO	49
JAKE LaMOTTA	47
NINO BENVENUTI	43
CARLOS MONZON	42
JOE BROWN	40
MANUEL ORTIZ	38
RANDY TURPIN	32
BILLY GRAHAM	31
INGEMAR JOHANSSON	29
SONNY LISTON	27
GEORGE FOREMAN	26
HAROLD JOHNSON	25
BOBO OLSON	25
PRIMO CARNERA	22
BENNY (KID) PARET	21
TONY GALENTO	18
JOHN HENRY LEWIS	16
HARRY JEFFRA	15
CHARLEY BURLEY	14
TOMMY FARR	12
EDER JOFRE	11
TIGER JACK FOX	10
WILLIE PASTRANO	9
LAZLO PAPP	8
JOSE TORRES	8
PANAMA AL BROWN	7
DAVEY MOORE	7
FREDDIE STEELE	7
CHICO VEJAR	6
PONE KINGPETCH	5
HOGAN (KID) BASSEY	5
JIMMY CARTER	4
"FIGHTING" HARADA	4
TONY JANIERO	4
TIPPY LARKIN	4
YVON DURELLE	3
VINCENTE SALDIVAR	3
CHUCK DAVEY	2
RALPH (TIGER) JONES	2
JERRY QUARRY	2
VIC TOWEEL	2
JUAN ZURITA	2

GEORGE ABRAMS 1◇ KID AZTECA 1◇ STEVE BELLOISE 1◇ RED COCHRANE 1◇◇◇EDDIE COTTON 1◇◇◇PADDY DeMARCO 1◇RALPH DUPAS 1◇BOBBY DYKES 1◇◇AL HOSTAK 1◇◇ KENNY LANE 1◇ HARRY (KID) MATTHEWS 1◇ RINTY MONAGHAN 1◇ LOU NOVA 1◇ KEN OVERLIN 1◇ JOHNNY RISKO 1◇ LOUIS RODRIGUEZ 1◇PETEY SCALZO 1◇BILLY SOOSE 1◇YOUNG STRIBLING 1◇PHIL TERRANOVA 1◇NINO VALDEZ 1.

WIN, LOSE & DRAW, BY CHARLIE MCGILL
1 JACK KEARNS, THE ARCHETYPE OF ALL FIGHT MANAGERS, COUNTED MILLIONS OF DOLLARS WHILE IN CHARGE OF CHAMPIONS JACK DEMPSEY, MICKEY WALKER AND JOEY MAXIM!
2 EMILE GRIFFITH, WHO WON 85 TIMES IN 20 YEARS, COUNTED HIS WORLD TITLES!
... THREE WELTER AND TWO MIDDLEWEIGHT!
EASY COME— EASY GO!
3 ... AND, THIS GENTLEMAN DID MORE THAN HIS SHARE OF COUNTING, TOO!
4 ... AFTER THE VOTES WERE COUNTED...
... I HAD THREE NEW MEMBERS!
HALL OF FAME
BOXING
... MUCH OF IT THE RESULT OF WORKING IN 20 OF JOE LOUIS'S FIGHTS!
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FAMED REFEREE ARTHUR DONOVAN
CHARLIE McGILL ~ THE RING

dard to refereeing and given the public faith in this sport I have loved."

¶ "You know," he once said to a writer, "I got into boxing through Jim Farley, who back in the 1920s kept after me to become a referee. Finally I went for the idea as the nearest thing I could do. I could get into the ring and get close to the fighting even if I couldn't put on the gloves myself."

¶ Up to the very end, which came on September 2, 1980, when he passed away at the age of 89, his favorite pastime was watching boxing on television and making comments on the referees. "One of these days that chap is going to step between the fighters that way once too often and get himself bonked."

¶ Arthur himself finally got "bonked" but he passed away having made boxing just a little bit better, having lived by the rules and accepting the one that said it was time. He was never Louis' referee. He was "The People's" referee.

¶ Jack "Doc" Kearns, the other entrant into the Pioneer Section of the Hall of Fame, is another "first"—the first manager to gain entrance into the Hall. To cover the life of "Doc" in anything under a book is like trying to explain the intricacies of space travel in a two-page pamphlet.

¶ He was the most beguiling man I have ever known, a conman par excellence, a free-spending, swashbuckling, carefree type of leprechaun with twinkling blue eyes and an ever-present smile.

¶ The late Nat Fleischer once said that Kearns was "the top manager of all time. No other manager ever was able to do as much for his fighters. He was not only an expert trainer and judge of styles but he was an extremely shrewd business man who could hoodwink promoters into his own way of thinking—particularly when it came to gates and percentages."

¶ Kearns, whose name was John Leo McKernan, was born at Waterloo, Michigan, on August 17, 1882, and he died at the age of eighty in Miami at the home of his son, Jack Kerns Jr., on July 7, 1963.

¶ Kearns Jr. hit the nail squarely when he said, "Dad was eighty but he had the mind of a man of twenty and the body of a man of 125." That statement, more than any other, captured the true essence of Kearns. He certainly lived more than 125 years in his eighty years. He lived life to the fullest. And even borrowed a little on the future.

¶ He received international fame when he piloted Jack Dempsey from rags to riches and was the mastermind of the million dollar gate when he talked Tex Rickard, another Hall of Famer, and another exponent of the "sucker born every minute" school of promotion—into promoting the first million dollar gate with Dempsey and Georges Carpentier. In all, Kearns is reputed to have made over $13,000,000, and having spent twice as much. No one ever picked up a tab when Jack was around, even if he had to borrow a few bucks to square the bill.

¶ He handled eight world champions, including Abe Attell, Benny Leonard, Jackie Fields, Mickey Walker, Joey Maxim, Archie Moore, Ace Hudkins, Joe Benjamin. You name the fighter and chances are that anywhere during the 1920s and on down the road Kearns had his hands in there somewhere.

¶ Kearns got his nickname "Doc" from Dempsey after Jack's first title defense against Billy Miske at Benton Harbor, Michigan, in 1920. Dempsey had injured his hand and Kearns told the druggist what to put in the prescription. "Okay, Doctor," said the druggist. "Okay Doc," mimicked the champ. And the name stuck.

¶ In his later years Kearns was a slim-built man with a knobby, bald dome and a slouch that gave his chest a concave appearance, a model for Ham Fisher's creation, "Knobby Walsh." But in his youth he was a dashing figure with a full head of hair who even used a part of his anatomy for a kind of larcency.

¶ He was in THE RING office in the old Madison Square Garden talking to the late Nat Fleischer. "I was weighing gold dust for a Chinese laundryman in the Yukon, where I met Jack London, the famous writer, Robert W. Service, Rex Beach, Tex Rickard and Herbert Hoover, and in comes a friend, Wilson Mizner. I complained of only making a few bucks a day weighing gold dust. Mizner took me aside and poured some molasses on my hair. 'Now, Kid,' he said, every time you handle that gold wipe your hands through your hair, get it?' I got it and I earned a lot of gold over the years using my head."

A newly crowned Emile Griffith "cornered" by too much of a good thing!

¶ After the fight with Luis Firpo, Jack and Kearns split up. The word was that Kearns was against Dempsey's marrying movie actress Estelle Taylor. But in later years Jack indicated that it was a squabble over money. The rift was patched up after Jack's fighting days were over although there was always some doubt as to just how much friendship really existed.

¶ Kearns was to rate Mickey Walker as the greatest fighter he ever knew. He termed Dempsey the hardest hitter; Benny Leonard the best boxer; and Joey Maxim "the fighter who couldn't knockout a chorus girl." Maxim in turn, once sighed, "Ain't it wonderful to be able to afford an expensive manager like Doc Kearns?"

¶ "Doc" never allowed the collective pronoun "we" to get into the act as have most managers. With Jack, it was always "I". In discussing one of his fighter's victories he said, "*I* knew I could do it and then along comes the opening and *I* knock the guy out!"

¶ Another manager, Charley Johnston, no slouch himself, was in Manila with his champ Sandy Saddler, and during the dinner the owner of the restaurant came over to Charley for a chat. "Do you know Jack Kearns?" the owner said.

¶ "I might," said Charley carefully.

¶ "Well, let me tell you what a smooth worker this guy is. I had a girl," continues the owner, "and she gave me a big diamond ring. One night we had a big fight and I told her to scram. She wanted her ring back and I gave it to her."

¶ "It was lunch time the next day and Kearns comes in and waves hello. The guy is wearing the diamond ring I had tossed back to my girl the previous night."

¶ All of which gives the reader a good idea of the man that con made. He was one of the most amiable rogues I have ever met and you can bet you have ever met.

¶ When he passed into his last sleep it was the only night he had ever been caught sleeping.

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THE HALL OF FAME IS NOW RICHER BECAUSE OF ITS THREE NEW INDUCTEES. JUST AS THE WORLD OF BOXING WAS.

NEW FACES

CARLTON ELIJAH TILLERY

IN OCTOBER, 1960, CASSIUS MARCELLUS Clay Jr. exploded upon the boxing scene with a tongue that wouldn't stop flapping, two blazing fists that backed up his braggadocio, and an enthusiasm and personality that became a self-promotion for his more than passable skills.

In October, 1980, a Cassius Clay look-alike made his pro debut. He did so three weeks after the man who made that face famous lost to Larry Holmes in Las Vegas.

The similarity between Cassius Clay and Carlton Elijah Tillery doesn't end with a striking physical resemblance. Clay had fast hands. So does Tillery. Clay has fast feet. So does Tillery. Clay could take a hefty wallop on the chin. Apparently, so can Tillery. Clay could fight and Clay could speak like an orator. So can Tillery . . . So can Tillery!

"I've got speed, grace, charm, charisma, power and scientific ability," said Tillery. "I'm a lighter version of Ali and George Foreman. I can move like Ali and punch like Foreman. But I'm not looking towards the heavyweight title. Right now my prime weight is 189-190 pounds. I'm shooting for the cruiserweight title."

When reminded that the cruiserweight champion is accepted by somewhat less than 100 per cent of the boxing community, Tillery replied, "That's because the title isn't held by me. The division is dark. I can light it up. I've got charisma!"

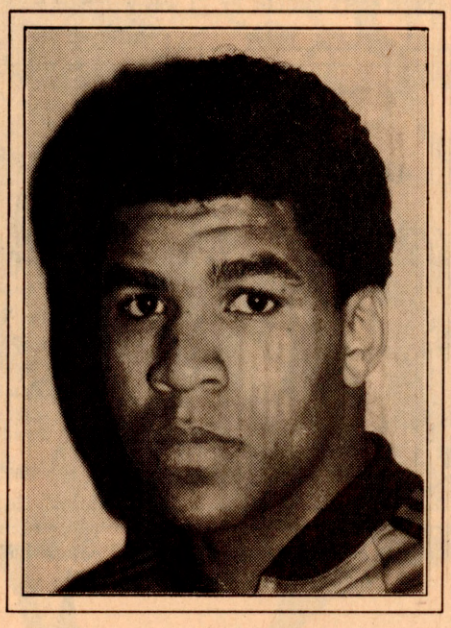
Tillery has more than charisma. He has talent. Tons of it.

"Tillery has everything a fighter needs to become champion," said his veteran trainer, Don Turner. "There is no big man around who can move as fast and punch as hard as Tillery. He can become as great as he wants to be."

Tillery's boxing—or at least fighting background—began in the ghettos of Albany, N.Y., where he was born 23 years ago.

"I always got in fights as a kid," recalled the Cassius Clay "clone." I started boxing when I was nine. I was boxing a friend and hit him with an overhand right. Knocked him out cold. I couldn't believe I was capable of doing that kind of thing, and stayed with boxing. It also helped keep me off the streets. In the ghetto, you don't do much other than drink, take drugs, steal and beat up on people."

Steal and beat up on people. That's what Tillery did after returning to the ghetto after a short Army hitch in 1976.



"I went into the Army in 1976 hoping to become an engineer," said Tillery, "but they put me in the infantry and had me skydiving. I got out on a breach of contract."

Once back on the crime-infested streets of the Albany ghetto, Tillery became a child of the ghetto once again. Only this time—wrapped in a powerful man's body. And this time he lost playing ghetto games.

"I beat up and robbed a guy," said Tillery, his eyes lowering. Just as quickly he looked up and said, shrugging his shoulders, "But he was a drunk, a bum, a real nothing. I'm still sorry I did it, though. Ironically, it turned out to be the best thing I ever did."

That's because Tillery was caught, tried, convicted and sentenced to prison.

"I spent three years in jail," said Tillery. "They turned out to be three of the best years of my life. They straightened me out. I trained my mind and trained my body. I received my high school diploma. My grade average was 3.5. I even took college credits towards a degree in business administration. I'll get my college degree one day."

It was in prison, with lots of time on his hands, Tillery also trained and honed his body to its perfection. He began boxing in amateur competition, compiling a 45-2 record. One of the losses was to undefeated Chris McDonald, who defeated him in the 1980 Regional Tournament.

"McDonald is a good fighter, a real hard hitter, but he can't be compared to me. Not now anyway. When I fought him, I had a blood problem. My triglycerides were way too low. That, along with being a vegetarian, led to my loss. I don't believe a man can be a successful fighter and a vegetarian at the same time. He needs meat. Lots of it. McDonald beat me then, but he wouldn't beat me now. It would be no contest."

Tillery had further developed his skills by boxing many of today's top name heavyweights, among them Gerry Cooney, Greg Page, Renaldo Snipes, Trevor Berbick, Alfredo Evangelista and Domingo D'Elia.

"I always hear people say how fast Greg Page is," remarked Tillery. "But I've sparred with him. He's a real good fighter; but compared to me, he's slow. Within one year, I'm gonna' be cruiserweight champion."

Tillery's manager, Jake Perlmutter, a successful businessman in New York's garment district, says, "For a kid with less than 10 fights, he's way ahead of schedule. He's a

CARLTON ELIJAH TILLERY

Height: 6'2½"
Weight: 195 pounds
Born: August 8, 1957
Amateur Record: 45-2

1980

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Oct. 23	Gerald Hardy	New York	KO 1
Dec. 12	Austin Johnson	New York	KO 1

1981

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Jan. 7	Kasim Stephenson	New York	KO 1
Feb. 7	Kid Samson	Atlantic City	W 4
Feb. 17	Calvin Langston	White Plains	KO 1
Feb. 28	Vincent Johnson	Atlantic City	KO 1
Mar. 8	Johnny Pitts	Atlantic City	KO 2
Mar. 18	Milton Hopkins	White Plains	KO 1

Summary

BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KO'S
8	8	0	0	7

world-class fighter already, and getting better with every fight."

When asked if he thought his punching power was a bit overrated, Tillery said, "You just go and ask all those guys I've been hitting upside the head if I can punch. They'll tell you. One day soon I'd like to fight Eddie Mustafa Muhammad, somebody like that. I'll give him the worst beating he ever got."

Tillery, who likes to be called "Elijah," then unleashed some Ali-like poetry:

"I've got Muhammad Ali's wit, face and grace,
"I've got Sugar Ray's hands,
"And I've got Jack Johnson's pace."

If Elijah Tillery's boxing talents are equal to his brashness, he is destined to become more than just another fighter who facially resembles Muhammed Ali. The chances are good that Elijah Tillery is much more than a cheap imitation.

BOBBY JOE YOUNG

BOBBY JOE YOUNG REMEMBERS THE night well. It was a hot, steamy August night in 1980. It was his first visit to New York, a first visit he'd like to forget.

In Madison Square Garden's small bandbox, known as the Felt Forum, Young was jumped by a fighter and two New York State officials. As a stunned and horrified crowd of over 1,000 watched, Young was mugged and robbed. It was over quickly, leaving nary a person who could do anything about it.

Officials and friends were quickly on the scene, escorting a bruised Young to the dressing room area.

"You won the fight," said Carmen Castellano, Young's manager. "You won the fight and they took the decision away from you."

Young sadly nodded his head. He knew that in this, his pro debut, he had been robbed.

Later, Pedro Vilella, Young's adversary this evening, came over to him and said, "The fight should have at least been declared a draw."

Young nodded sadly again.

"From now on I'm just going to have to knock everybody out, especially when I fight in their town," stated Young.

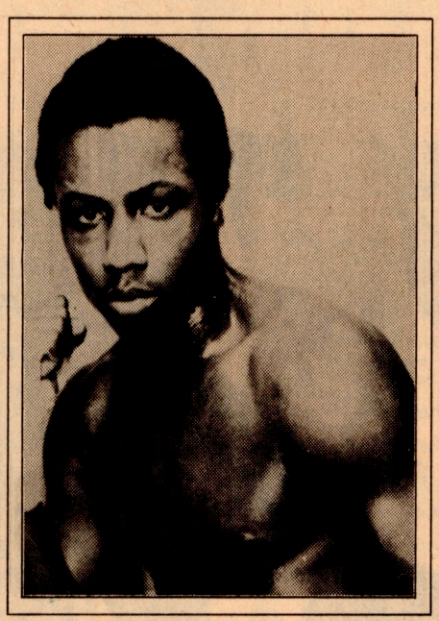
So far, Young has done just that.

"We'd love to get Vilella again," said Castellano. "Bobby Joe beat him in the amateurs, and I'll always believe he beat him in the Felt Forum. We've tried to get him again, but he's been avoiding us."

A native of Stuebenville, Ohio, Young isn't one of those "born to be a fighter" types.

"I was good in all sports," said Young proudly and with a hint of shyness in his voice.

"I played football, basketball, baseball,



bowling and tennis. I also ran track in high school for four years. I love tennis. In the warm weather, I play it as much as three times a week."

Young took an interest in boxing, when, as a teenager, he engaged in "Slap Fights."

"I was good at it," chuckled Young. "Real good. I decided to see what it would be like to put on boxing gloves."

He did so at 15, losing his first fight on decision."

"I loved the action, the competitiveness," said Young, "Boxing had become my new sport."

During the next six years, Young lost only seven more times, winning 112.

Among the men he fought who eventually became solid professionals were Donald Curry, Dale Staley, Harry Arroyo and Razor Rosenberger. He also fought to two close, but losing, decisions against a man now regarded as boxing's most devastating fighter—Thomas Hearns.

When asked his opinion of Bobby Joe, Hearns respectfully nodded his head. "He's going to be real good," said Hearns. "He takes a good shot and he can bang with both hands. Watch him. He's going places."

Young already knows that.

"I study boxing," stated Young, "and feel I can beat some of the contenders right now."

Through high school, Young's favorite boxer was former middleweight king Rodrigo Valdes.

"I always admired the way he could slip punches and make a man miss," said Young. "He was a combination puncher and just so pretty to watch in action."

Young's trainer, Bill Henry, thinks Young can become a welterweight version of Rodrigo Valdes.

"His defense gets better and better with every fight. Another year of work and he'll be ready to make his move against anybody in the division."

Few fighters train as hard as Young. Six days a week he's in the gym, and two weeks before a fight he does roadwork every day—at least five miles a day.

"I also jump rope for 15 minutes non-stop and hit the speed bag for 10 minutes non-stop. When you want a title as bad as I do, you're willing to make sacrifices."

As Bobby Joe Young takes his 7-1 record from town to town and from fight to fight, expect only the left side of his ledger to increase in size.

BOBBY JOE YOUNG

Height: 5'8"
Weight: 147 pounds
Born: March 4, 1959
Amateur Record: 112-8, 75 KO's

1980

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Aug. 29	Pedro Vilella	New York	L 4
Sept. 9	Robert Buscombe	Warren	KO 1
Oct. 10	Alfredo Doubouchet	New York	KO 2
Dec. 9	Tony Taylor	Warren	KO 2
Dec. 17	Eddie Campbell	Steubenville	KO 3

1981

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Jan. 7	Danny Chapman	New York	KO 4
Feb. 28	Papo Figueroa	Atlantic City	KO 3
Mar. 12	Willie Thomas	New York	KO 2

Summary

BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KO'S
8	7	1	0	7

FIGHT OF THE MONTH

O'GRADY-KENTY
WBA Lightweight Title

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—It was a great day for the Irish, and boxing in general, as Sean O'Grady ripped the WBA lightweight championship from Hilmer Kenty via a unanimous 15-round decision in a punch-filled donnybrook that covered the winner and loser with both blood and glory. It was the kind of fight that sports fans across the nation were still talking about when they went to work on Monday morning, the kind of fight that will long be remembered for its sustained action and for the magnificent courage displayed by the combatants.

Kenty was making his fourth defense of the title he won from Ernesto Espana last year. He was a slight betting favorite to retain his belt against O'Grady, who had been butted into a gory TKO defeat by WBC boss Jim Watt in his first attempt at a portion of the 135-pound crown.

It was the public uproar following O'Grady's Scottish shafting, as much as anything else, that had earned Sean his second shot. Many thought that he was a coddled kid (his manager-father, Pat, promotes most of his bouts) with a manufactured (75-2, 65 kayoes) record, and that he'd always fold, or bleed to death, against top-liners. Sean proved the doubters dead wrong, blasting his critics and Kenty with a gritty, withering assault that few felt him capable of.

Both seemed relaxed before the opening bell. O'Grady lived up to his all-American image, blowing bubbles as his gloves were laced on. Kenty oozed confidence, smiling and waving to the crowd that jammed the ballroom of Bally's Park Place Hotel Casino.

Kenty, 134½, opened the fight in a classic manner. He slotted sharp jabs to O'Grady's face, hooked to the body and then came over the top with a right to the head. He was making good use of his reach advantage, but, as the round drew to a close, O'Grady reached him with a left hook to the body and quickly followed with a similar punch to the head. You could sense that it was going to be a dilly.

FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

Sean O'Grady made the clan proud by winning a unanimous decision over Hilmer Kenty in Atlantic City for the WBA lightweight crown. Sean, who'd lost to WBC champ Jim Watt as the result of a butt in his last title effort, floored Kenty twice and beat him clearly. O'Grady thus silenced a lot of his doubters, forcing everyone, at long last, to admit "The kid can fight!"

The champion was expected to fight a moving, counter punching battle. He is more of a stylist than O'Grady and it was surprising to see him stand and trade with Sean in the second round. It seemed as if both men were sure that they could take the other out. Any plans to stick and move were quickly abandoned.

Late in the round, a right sent Kenty's mouthpiece flying, and, moments later, O'Grady punctuated an exchange with a sneak right that floored Hilmer and brought the crowd to their feet. It was a searing punch, straight as a die and right on the money.

Kenty struggled to his feet, a fogged expression on his face. Referee Larry Hazzard was still tolling the automatic eight-count when the round ending bell sounded. It must have been music to Kenty's ears. As it was, Hilmer foolishly stood in his corner for the entire 60-seond rest period, staring vacantly into space.

The champion opened the third with a good right, trying to re-establish his authority. It was not long, however, before O'Grady spun him into the ropes with a hard left-right to the head. Sean leaped to the attack, but, for some unfathomable reason, Hazzard jumped in and called, unnecessarily, for a break. It was the first of several instances where the referee separated the fighters while they were still working—usually to the benefit of the beleaguered Detroiter.

The fight developed into a high intensity test of willpower. Kenty's quick combinations found their marks in most rounds, but it was rapidly becoming obvious that he had neither the punch or strength to hold O'Grady at bay. Sean shook off all punishment and slammed back with superior blows. He was like a spitfire in a dogfight, wading through a wall of flak to deliver a rat-a-tat-tat volley of his own.

Starting with the fourth, O'Grady began to drive vicious punches to the body. It was a wise move.

"You hit someone in the body enough times, it brings his gloves down, kills the legs," O'Grady said. "The effect is devastating. I learned that from

RING'S INTERNATIONAL RATINGS

When Roberto Duran vacated his lightweight title back in January of 1979, he left a void in the division that was not filled by the WBA and the WBC's mini-tournaments to name their own successors. Ever since that date—regardless of the presence of such household names as Ernesto Espana fighting Claude Noel for the WBA version and Jim Watt fighting Alfredo Pitulua for the WBC version—*The Ring* has felt the title to be vacant. And for good reason. Champions are made in the ring and in *The Ring*, not in the headquarters of the two ruling rump organizations which hold themselves to be the final arbiters of boxing.

But today that void is filled. Less because the two bodies that are running the world—or so they think—have given us the wherewithal, than because one man, Sean O'Grady, has brought some sort of order out of the chaos that they have created. For O'Grady has fought for both organizations' championships, losing to Watt—albeit on a disputed butt—and beating Hilmer Kenty, the successor to Espana. He alone has given us a clear choice. And that choice is Jim Watt, because, in a fight between the two world "governing" bodies' so-called champions, Watt and O'Grady, Watt emerged the victor, bloodied but unbowed.

While this may seem slightly circuitous, it still meets with some reason, which is more than those champions almost hand-picked by the WBA and WBC do. And there is some precedent. When Mike Weaver won the WBA heavyweight title on March 30, 1980, we recognized Larry Holmes' claim as *the* heavyweight titlist, inasmuch as he had defeated Weaver the previous June with the title at stake. And when Marvin Johnson won the WBA crown from Victor Galindez, we recognized Saad Muhammad as *the* light heavyweight champion because he had beaten Johnson with the light heavyweight crown at stake.

And, not incidentally, both had stepped into vacuums, the light heavyweight vacuum created by the retirement of Bob Foster, and the heavyweight vacuum created by the retirement of Muhammad Ali (after the second Spinks fight, not to be confused with his other retirements).

With the two organizations handing out titles in the same cavalier manner a debutante hands out her phone number to every available suitor, it sometimes is difficult, at best, to keep tabs on, to steal an old limerick line, who is doing what to whom. But we will continue to recognize only those as champion who win their titles in the ring, either directly from their predecessors or in direct confrontations with the other organization's "champion." In this manner, we can continue to preserve that one rich tradition which has always been boxing's: Champion are made in the ring, not on paper.

RING RATINGS 25 YEARS AGO

HEAVYWEIGHTS
World Champion
Rocky Marciano, Brockton, Mass.
1. Archie Moore, San Diego, Calif.
2. Tommy Jackson, Far Rockaway, N.Y.
3. Bob Baker, Pittsburgh, Pa.
4. John Holman, Chicago Ill.
5. Johnny Summerlin, Detroit, Mich.
6. Willie Pastrano, New Orleans, La.
7. Harold Carter, Linden, N.J.
8. Bob Satterfield, Chicago, Ill.
9. Eddie Machen, Fresno, Calif.
10. Nino Valdes, Cuba

LIGHTWEIGHTS
World Champion
Wallace (Bud) Smith, Cincinnati, Ohio
1. Duilio Loi, Italy
2. Ralph Dupas, New Orleans, La.
3. James Carter, New York, N.Y.
4. Cisco Andrade, Compton Calif.
5. Johnny Gonsalves, Oakland, Calif.
6. Ludwig Lightburn, British Honduras
7. Larry Boardman, Marlboro, Conn.
8. Frankie Ryff, New York, N.Y.
9. L. C. Morgan, Youngstown, O.
10. Kenny Lane, Muskegon, Mich.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
World Champion
Archie Moore, San Diego, Calif.
1. Floyd Patterson, Brooklyn, N.Y.
2. Gerhard Hecht, Germany
3. Chuck Speiser, Lansing, Mich.
4. Yolande Pompey, Trinidad, B.W.I.
5. Hans Stretz, Germany
6. Willi Hoepner, Germany
7. Joey Maxim, Cleveland, Ohio
8. Harold Johnson, Philadelphia, Pa.
9. Ron Barton, England
10. Marty Marshall, Detroit, Michigan

FEATHERWEIGHTS
World Champion
Sandy Saddler, New York, N.Y.
1. Fred Galiana, Spain
2. Hogan (Kid) Bassey, Nigeria
3. Cherif Hamia, France
4. Carmelo Costa, Brooklyn, N.Y.
5. Martin Rodriguez, Cuba
6. Flash Elorde, Philippines
7. Ray Famechon, France
8. Paul Jorgensen, Port Arthur, Texas
9. Ciro Morasen, Cuba
10. Victor (Sonny) Leon, Venezuela

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
World Champion
Ray Robinson, New York, N.Y.
1. Carl (Bobo) Olson, Honolulu, T. H.
2. Milo Savage, Salt Lake City, Utah
3. Charley Humez, France
4. Bobby Boyd, Chicago, Ill.
5. Ralph Jones, Yonkers, N.Y.
6. Eduardo Lausse, Argentina
7. Gene Fullmer, West Jordan, Utah
8. Rocky Castellani, Cleveland, Ohio
9. Charley Joseph, New Orleans, La.
10. Artie Towne, New York, N.Y.

BANTAMWEIGHTS
World Champion
Robert Cohen, France
1. Mario D'Agata, Italy
2. Raton Macias, Mexico
3. Billy Peacock, Los Angeles, Calif.
4. Little Cezar, Philippines
5. Jose Lopez, Laguna, Mexico
6. Alphonse Hamili, France
7. Piero Rollo, Italy
8. Peter Keenan, Scotland
9. Jean Renard, Belgium
10. Kevin James, Australia

WELTERWEIGHTS
World Champion
Johnny Saxton, Brooklyn, N.Y.
1. Carmen Basilio, Syracuse, N.Y.
2. Tony DeMarco, Boston, Mass.
3. Isaac Logart, Cuba
4. Vince Martinez, Paterson, N.J.
5. Virgil Akins, St. Louis, Mo.
6. Art Aragon, Los Angeles, Calif.
7. Ramon Fuentes, Los Angeles, Calif.
8. George Barnes, Australia
9. Joe Miceli, New York, N.Y.
10. Emulio Marconi, Italy

FLYWEIGHTS
World Champion
Pascual Perez, Argentina
1. Memo Diez, Mexico
2. Dai Dower, Wales
3. Young Martin, Spain
4. Leo Espinosa, Philippines
5. Danny Kid, Philippines
6. Hitoshi Misako, Japan
7. Tanny Campo, Philippines
8. Jake Tuli, South Africa
9. Oscar Suarez, Cuba
10. Guy Schatt, France

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GENUINE

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

LARRY HOLMES** . . . . . Easton, Pa.
1 Mike Weaver* . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
2 Gerry Cooney . . . . . Huntington, N.Y.
3 Leon Spinks . . . . . St. Louis, Mo.
4 Michael Dokes . . . . . Akron, Ohio
5 Gerrie Coetzee . . . . . South Africa
6 Greg Page . . . . . Louisville, Ky.
7 Trevor Berbick . . . . . Halifax, Canada
8 Marty Monroe . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
9 Ken Norton . . . . . Compton, Calif.
10 James (Quick) Tillis, ... Chicago, Ill.

11. John Tate, 12. Renaldo Snipes, 13. Bernardo Mercado, 14. Stan Ward, 15. Randall (Tex) Cobb, 16. John L. Gardner, 17. Scott LeDoux, 18. Tim Witherspoon, 19. Pinklon Thomas, 20. Marvin Stinson, 21. George Chaplin, 22. Lynn Ball, 23. Osvaldo Ocasio, 24. Eddie Lopez, 25. Floyd (Jumbo) Cummings

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MATTHEW SAAD MUHAMMAD** . . . . Phila., Pa.
1 Eddie Mustafa Muhammad* . . Brooklyn, N.Y.
2 Michael Spinks . . . . . St. Louis, Mo.
3 Jerry Martin . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
4 James Scott . . . . . Rahway, N.J.
5 Carlos DeLeon . . . . . Puerto Rico
6 Marvin Johnson . . . . . Indianapolis, Ind.
7 Yaqui Lopez . . . . . Stockton, Calif.
8 Lotte Mwale . . . . . Zambia
9 Marvin Camel . . . . . Missoula, Mont.
10 Mustapha Wasajja, ... Denmark

11. Mike Rossman, 12. Murray Sutherland, 13. Bashiru Ali, 14. Jerry Celestine, 15. Jesse Burnett, 16. Dwight Braxton, 17. Young Joe Louis, 18. Tony Mundine, 19. Vonzell Johnson, 20. Louis Pergaud, 21. Richie Kates, 22. Pete McIntyre, 23. Rudi Koopmans

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MARVIN HAGLER . . . . . Brockton, Mass.
1 Alan Minter . . . . . England
2 Vito Antuofermo . . . . . Brooklyn, N.Y.
3 Mustafa Hamsho . . . . . Syria
4 Dwight Davison . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
5 Fulgencio Obelmejias . . . . . Venezuela
6 Curtis Parker . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
7 Wilford Scypion . . . . . New York, N.Y.
8 Frank Fletcher . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
9 Tony Sibson . . . . . England
10 Robbie Epps . . . . . Las Vegas, Nevada

11. Vinnie Curto, 12. Ray Seales, 13. Ronnie Harris, 14. Mike Colbert, 15. Ernie Singletary, 16. Norberto Sabater, 17. Matteo Salvemini, 18. Ruben Pardo, 19. Marcos Geraldo, 20. William "Caveman" Lee, 21. Sammy NeSmith, 22. Chong-Pal Park, 23. Ralph Moncrief, 24. Jose Macias, 25. J.B. Williamson, 26. Loucif Hamani, 27. Frank Wissenbach

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 154 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

AYUB KALULE* . . . . . Denmark
1 Maurice Hope** . . . . . England
2 Ray Leonard . . . . . Palmer Park, Md.
3 Wilfred Benitez . . . . . Puerto Rico
4 Kenny Bristol . . . . . Guyana
5 Rocky Mattioli . . . . . Australia
6 Rocky Mosley . . . . . Las Vegas, Nev.
7 Carlos Herrera . . . . . Argentina
8 Walter Gomez . . . . . Argentina
9 Tyrone Rackley . . . . . Tucson, Ariz.
10 Tony Ayala, Jr. . . . . . San Antonio, Tex.

11. Odell Leonard, 12. Nick Ortiz, 13. Tidashi Mihara, 14. Clint Jackson, 15. Mario Maldonado, 16. Carlos Santos, 17. Marijan Benes, 18. Steve Delgado, 19. Tony Chiaverini, 20. Nino Gonzalez, 21. Babs McCarthy, 22. Charlie Weir, 23. Zeferino Gonzalez, 24. Nicanor Camacho, 25. Andoni Amana, 26. Ray Hammond, 27. Jerry Cheatham, 28. Luigi Minchillo

WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

RAY LEONARD** . . . . . Palmer Park, Md.
1 Thomas Hearns* . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
2 Wilfred Benitez . . . . . Puerto Rico
3 Pipino Cuevas . . . . . Mexico
4 Roberto Duran . . . . . Panama
5 Randy Shields . . . . . N. Hollywood, Calif.
6 Pete Ranzany . . . . . Sacramento, Calif.
7 Adolfo Viruet . . . . . Hoboken, N.J.
8 Jorgen Hansen . . . . . Denmark
9 Luis Primera . . . . . Venezuela
10 Clint Jackson . . . . . Nashville, Tenn.

11. Babs McCarthy, 12. Bruce Finch, 13. Josef Nsubuga, 14. Victor Martinez, 15. Harold Volbrecht, 16. Larry Bonds, 17. Milton McCrory, 18. Pepe Dominguez, 19. Greg Stephens, 20. Carlos Santos, 21. Mario Guillotti, 22. Alfredo Lucero, 23. Colin Jones

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

AARON PRYOR* . . . . . Cincinnati, Ohio
1 Saoul Mamby** . . . . . New York, N.Y.
2 Jo Kimpuani . . . . . Zaire
3 Lennox Blackmoore . . . . . Guyana
4 Domingo Ayala . . . . . Puerto Rico
5 Dujuan Johnson . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
6 Miguel Montilla . . . . . Dominican Rep.
7 Sang-Hyun Kim . . . . . Korea
8 Bruce Curry . . . . . Ft. Worth Texas
9 Monroe Brooks . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
10 Leroy Haley . . . . . Las Vegas, Nevada

11. Willie Rodriguez, 12. Sal Lopez, 13. Jeff Malcolm, 14. Mark Ibanez, 15. Obisia Nwankpa, 16. Teo Ozuna, 17. Jorge Morales, 18. Roberto Alfaro, 19. Hugo Luero, 20. Termite Watkins, 21. Juan Jose Gimenez, 22. Esteban DeJesus, 23. Cristobal Torres, 24. Thomas Americo, 25. Arseneo Green, 26. Steve Early, 27. Johnny Bumphus, 28. Guiseppe Martinese, 29. Nick Furlano, 30. Jose Salazar, 31. Hugo Quartapelle

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GENUINE

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

JIM WATT** ..... Scotland
1 **Sean O'Grady.*** ..... Oklahoma City, Ok.
2 **Hilmer Kenty** ..... Detroit, Mich.
3 **Alexis Arguello** ..... Coral Gables, Fla.
4 **Aaron Pryor** ..... Cincinnati, Ohio
5 **Rodolfo Gonzalez** ..... Mexico
6 **Howard Davis, Jr.** ..... Glen Cove, N.Y.
7 **Claude Noel** ..... Trinidad, W.I.
8 **Edwin Viruet** ..... Puerto Rico
9 **Ernesto Espana** ..... Venezuela
10 **Gonzallo Montellano** .... Los Angeles, Calif.

11. Herman Montes, 12. Roberto Elizondo, 13. Johnny Lira, 14. Andy Ganigan, 15. Curtis Harris, 16. Ray Mancini, 17. Cocoa Sanchez, 18. Jorge Morales, 19. Vilomar Fernandez, 20. Ralph Aviles, 21. Jose Luis Ramirez, 22. Charlie Nash, 23. Francisco Leon

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

SAMUEL SERRANO* ..... Puerto Rico
1 **Cornelius Boza-Edwards**** ..... England
2 **Rafael (Bazooka) Limon** ..... Mexico
3 **Bobby Chacon** ..... Pacoima, Calif.
4 **Roberto Elizondo** ..... Corpus Christi, Tex.
5 **Yasutsune Uehara** ..... Japan
6 **Ildelfonso Bethelmy** ..... Venezuela
7 **Johnny Sato** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
8 **Victor Echegaray** ..... Argentina
9 **Frankie Baltazar** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
10 **Leonel Hernandez** ..... Venezuela

11. Enrique Maxwell, 12. Rolando Navarette, 13. Greg Coverson, 14. John Verderosa, 15. Patrick Ford, 16. Johnny Aba, 17. Oscar Arnal, 18. Carlos Pinango, 19. Il-Bok Lee, 20. Guillermo Morales, 21. Robert Mullens, 22. Ruben Veliz, 23. Jorge Alvarado, 24. Armando Perez, 25. Reynaldo Hidalgo

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

SALVADOR SANCHEZ** ..... Mexico
1 **Eusebio Pedroza*** ..... Panama
2 **Wilfredo Gomez** ..... Puerto Rico
3 **Ruben Castillo** ..... Bakersfield, Calif.
4 **Rocky Lockridge** ..... Paterson, N.J.
5 **Roberto Castanon** ..... Spain
6 **Patrick Ford** ..... Guyana
7 **Noel Arriesgado** ..... Honolulu
8 **Juan LaPorte** ..... New York, N.Y.
9 **Francisco Manzo** ..... Mexico
10 **Paul Ferrari** ..... Australia

11. Gustavo Salgado, 12. Mario Miranda, 13. Pat Cowdell, 14. Bobby Chacon, 15. Juan Malvarez, 16. Alberto Collazo, 17. Guillermo Morales, 18. Nicky Perez, 19. Luis Avila, 20. Royal Kobayashi, 21. Freddie Roach, 22. Hiraku Tomonari, 24. Cesar Ligan

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 122 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

WILFREDO GOMEZ** ..... Puerto Rico
1 **Sergio Palma*** ..... Argentina
2 **Ricardo Cardona** ..... Colombia
3 **Leo Cruz** ..... Dominican Republic
4 **Mike Ayala** ..... New York, N.Y.
5 **Nicky Perez** ..... Tucson, Ariz.
6 **Carmelo Negron** ..... New York, N.Y.
7 **Edwin Rosario** ..... Puerto Rico
8 **Juan (Kid) Meza** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
9 **Jose Caba** ..... Dominican Rep.
10 **Soon-Hyun Chung** ..... Korea

11. Jaime Garza, 12. Carlos Mendoza, 13. Jose Cervantes, 14. Derrik Holmes, 15. Lupe Pintor, 16. Juan Antonio Lopez, 17. Ric Diamale, 18. Hurricane Teru, 19. Oscar Muniz, 20. Roberto Rubaldino, 21. Shuchi Isogami, 22. Julio Saba, 23. Jesus Caicedo, 24. Willie Lucas, 25. Baba Jimenez

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

JEFF CHANDLER* ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
1 **Lupe Pintor**** ..... Mexico
2 **Julian Solis** ..... Puerto Rico
3 **Albert Davila** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
4 **Jorge Lujan** ..... Panama
5 **Eijiro Murata** ..... Japan
6 **Roberto Rubaldino** ..... Mexico
7 **Oscar Muniz** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
8 **Jose R. Narvaez** ..... Argentina
9 **Norberto Cabrera** ..... Mexico
10 **Chul-Ho Kim** ..... Korea

11. Rafael Orono, 12. Carlos Bejarano, 13. Shuchi Isogami, 14. Johnny Carter, 15. Fred Jackson, 16. Ronald Sumalis, 17. Jovito Rengifo, 18. Jose Uziga, 19. Ramon Soria,20. Weilie Nkosinkula

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

SHOJI OGUMA** ..... Japan
1 **Hilario Zapata** ..... Panama
2 **Pedro Flores** ..... Mexico
3 **Yoko Gushiken** ..... Japan
4 **Santos Laciar*** ..... Argentina
5 **Betulio Gonzalez** ..... Venezuela
6 **Willie Jensen** ..... Las Vegas, Nev.
7 **Peter Mathebula** ..... South Africa
8 **Luis Ibarra** ..... Panama
9 **Charlie Magri** ..... England
10 **Miguel Canto** ..... Mexico

11. Guty Espadas, 12. Eleoncio Mercedes, 13. Joey Olivo, 14. Gustavo Ballas, 15. Chan-Hee Park, 16. Orlando Maldonado, 17. German Torres, 18. Tae-Shik Kim, 19. Antonio Avelar, 20. Candido Tellez, 21. Stephen Muchoki, 22. Prudencio Cardona, 23. Yong-Hyun Kim, 24. Miguel Iriarte

weighted with scores of from ten (for a first-place vote) to one (for a tenth-place vote) and totaled up to provide the final standings. After the top ten were tabulated, those other fighters receiving votes were then listed in order, according to the number of votes received, from 11th on.

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ved votes (in order of their listing)
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RINGSIDE REPORTS

Danny Lopez, the night he beat me. He hit me with body blows I can still feel."

The fifth was like a bummer acid flashback for O'Grady. A left hook-straight right combo hurt Kenty and, when Sean rushed to follow up, there was a clash of heads. The 22-year-old from Oklahoma City pulled back with blood streaming from a deep gash on the side of his left eye. He turned to complain to the ref and Kenty popped him clean with a right to the injured eye. It was Glasgow and Jim Watt all over again.

During the break between the fifth and sixth, Hazzard spoke to the officials, informing them that the butt was accidental. The O'Grady camp agreed.

"We're convinced it was accidental," said Pat O'Grady. "We know Hilmer Kenty is not a dirty fighter."

A Kenty right soon reopened the cut into the sixth, but Sean was lucky this time. The wound was off to the side of the eye and did not bleed directly into the optic. O'Grady, 133, ignored the blood anyway, battering Hilmer into the ropes and proceeding to dish out severe punishment for the remainder of the round.

Time and time again, Kenty tried valiantly to rally his way back into the fight. He knew his title was slipping away from him and, try as he might, every time he seemed on the verge of turning things around, O'Grady produced a telling series of punches to forge ahead once more.

Kenty emerged from a great exchange in the seventh with a nasty laceration over his right eye. The punches were flying at such a frantic pace that it was almost impossible to keep track. The fever pitch built and built until it was hard to imagine that it could go the distance.

The eighth was typical of the torid see-saw action. Kenty landed three rights to the head in rapid order. O'Grady looked hurt, only to rage back with a two fisted body barrage. They traded shots in mid-ring and suddenly Kenty was down again from a right uppercut. The champion beat the count, but was soon rattled again by a pair of rights to the noggin. He was in dire trouble. What kept him going is beyond me, but keep going he did.

In the ninth, Kenty was cut on the left eyelid. He looked tired and weak. How much more could he take?

Referee Hazzard's shirt was now smeared with blood and, in the 10th, the crowd began to chant: "Go, Sean, go," as O'Grady pumped to the body.

Then, in the 11th, the unbelievable happened. Kenty summoned up his last reserve of energy and staged an inspired last ditch rally. O'Grady rode out the storm, waited for Hilmer to punch himself out, and then ploughed in once more.

Fatigue was now upon O'Grady as well. The pace slowed noticeably from the 13th onward. Nevertheless, neither stopped trying, or slinging leather for that matter. They just didn't have the zing of earlier rounds, and who can blame them. It had been a hell of a struggle all the way.

"After the 13th, I told Sean we had to win the last two," said the elder O'Grady. "When you're about to take a champion's crown, it's good to close out well."

Close well he did, taking the 14th and 15th to win by a massive point total. Referee Hazzard scored the match 146-139; judge Vincent Rainone and judge Richard Murry scored 146-138 and 147-137, respectively—all three for O'Grady.

The defeat was a bitter one for the 26-year-old Kenty. He went out like a true champion, fighting tooth and nail to the end. Perhaps he will be back. This was his first loss in 21 bouts (15 kayoes) and, according to manager-trainer Emanuel Stewart, "He just wasn't 100 percent."

Hilmer put in a brief appearance at the post-fight press conference. His face was a mess. Besides the two eye cuts, his cheeks were swollen and his lips were split. A long rest is definitely in order.

For O'Grady, known to his admirers as the "Green Machine," the future looms bright. He may clear up the title by meeting Watt again, but the Scottsman has a date with Alexis Arguello first.

The best looking fighter on the undercard was Nashville's Johnny Bumphus, 140½, who stopped Norberto Figueroa, 141½, Bronx, N.Y., in 2:22 of the second. Figueroa had lasted six with "Bump City" last year, but never landed a punch in the rematch. Bumphus is now 7-0, with five quick endings to his credit. The talented lefty is on the move and headed for stardom.

Lindell Holmes, 161, Detroit, outpointed southpaw Carlton Swift, 158½, Brooklyn, N.Y., over eight to remain unbeaten. Swift, a rangy slapper, was the first to last the route with Holmes, now 11-0 with 10 kayoes.

In other prelims, Robbie Sims, 157, Brockton, Mass., decisioned James Green, also 157, Irving, N.J., eight. Chris McDonald, 207, Brockton, kayoed Lindsey Page, 198, Trenton, N.J., in 3:02 of the second, and good old John "Dino" Dennis, 214, Brockton, decisioned Johnny Warr, 204, New York City, eight.

The show, televised live over ABC-TV, was promoted by Top Rank, Inc.

Judges (for prelims)—Harold Lederman, William Kostrub.

Referees (for prelims)—Paul Venti and Milo Savage.

Attendance—1,950.

(4-12-81)

NIGEL COLLINS

HOLMES—BERBICK

LAS VEGAS, NEV.—Trevor Berbick, the Canadian heavyweight champion, proved boxing's oldest adage: anything can happen in a heavyweight bout.

The seventh ranked Berbick tackled WBC heavyweight champion Larry Holmes in a title match at Caesars Sports Pavilion. Holmes retained his title by unanimous decision, but Berbick gave the champion all he could handle for 15 rounds; and he gave fight fans one of the most exciting heavyweight bouts in recent years.

Before the bout, the experts had taken Berbick so lightly that he was a 50-1 underdog at the Las Vegas Sports Books. Many were betting that the fight would not go over eight rounds.

It was the first time that Berbick had fought a full 15 rounds; and he kept Holmes on the hook for the entire distance.

Berbick charged out of his corner at the opening bell and began throwing left jabs at the champion. He taunted Holmes by dropping his hands and motioning Homes to come on and fight. The champion, meanwhile, was constantly moving and dancing, circling to the left, and landing several of his famous left jabs.

Berbick managed to cut off the ring and chase Holmes to his own corner as the round ended.

The frustrated champion shoved his opponent after the bell rang, and, as Berbick lunged after him, referee Mills Lane was knocked to the canvas.

The second round saw Berbick throwing left hooks and right jabs as he continued to taunt Holmes. Holmes countered with a flurry of left jabs, and Berbick retaliated with a strong left to the midsection.

The third round was an exchange of blows to the head and body by both 215-pound opponents. Berbick landed a strong blow to Holmes' kidney, and Holmes responded with some rapid left-right combinations. Berbick kept jabbing at Holmes, and had the champ on the ropes by the end of the round.

The fourth round opened with Holmes landing his famous left jab. Berbick moved in with a blow to the midsection and stalked Holmes to the corner. Holmes kept landing shots to Berbick's head, but the challenger kept weaving back and forth—causing some of the shots to miss their mark.

The fifth round was more of the same, with Holmes relying on his left jab and Berbick pounding the champion's body.

The sixth and seventh were Berbick's finest rounds. He forced Holmes to the corner several times while landing some solid left hooks to the champion's head.

The highlight of the fight came in the final 30 seconds of the seventh when Berbick backed Holmes into a corner and battered him with dozens of powerful punches. Holmes responded with his own solid shots, and was still punching after the bell.

By the eighth round, Berbick was obviously tiring, and Holmes began scoring with lefts and rights nearly at will.

The ninth round saw Berbick again on the attack taunting the champion and chasing him around the ring. However, Holmes caught Berbick with several solid left hooks, and won the round.

The 10th was Larry Holmes' best round, as he hit Berbick with a looping right followed by a series of combinations. Berbick seemed to be out of steam, but he continued his battle plan until the end of the fight, bullying Holmes, chasing him to the ropes, and pounding him the the body. Holmes, however, continued to score with his famous left jab, followed by ferocious combinations.

The 15th and final round saw the opponents fighting chin to chin, with Berbick nailed in the corner, being pounded by a continuous barrage of Holmes punches.

The scoring was unanimous

A Holmes right hook: "Elementary, my dear Berbick!"

A momentarily "jolted" Jeff went on to win a very close decision in Japan.

PHOTO BY HERB HERPOLSHEIMER

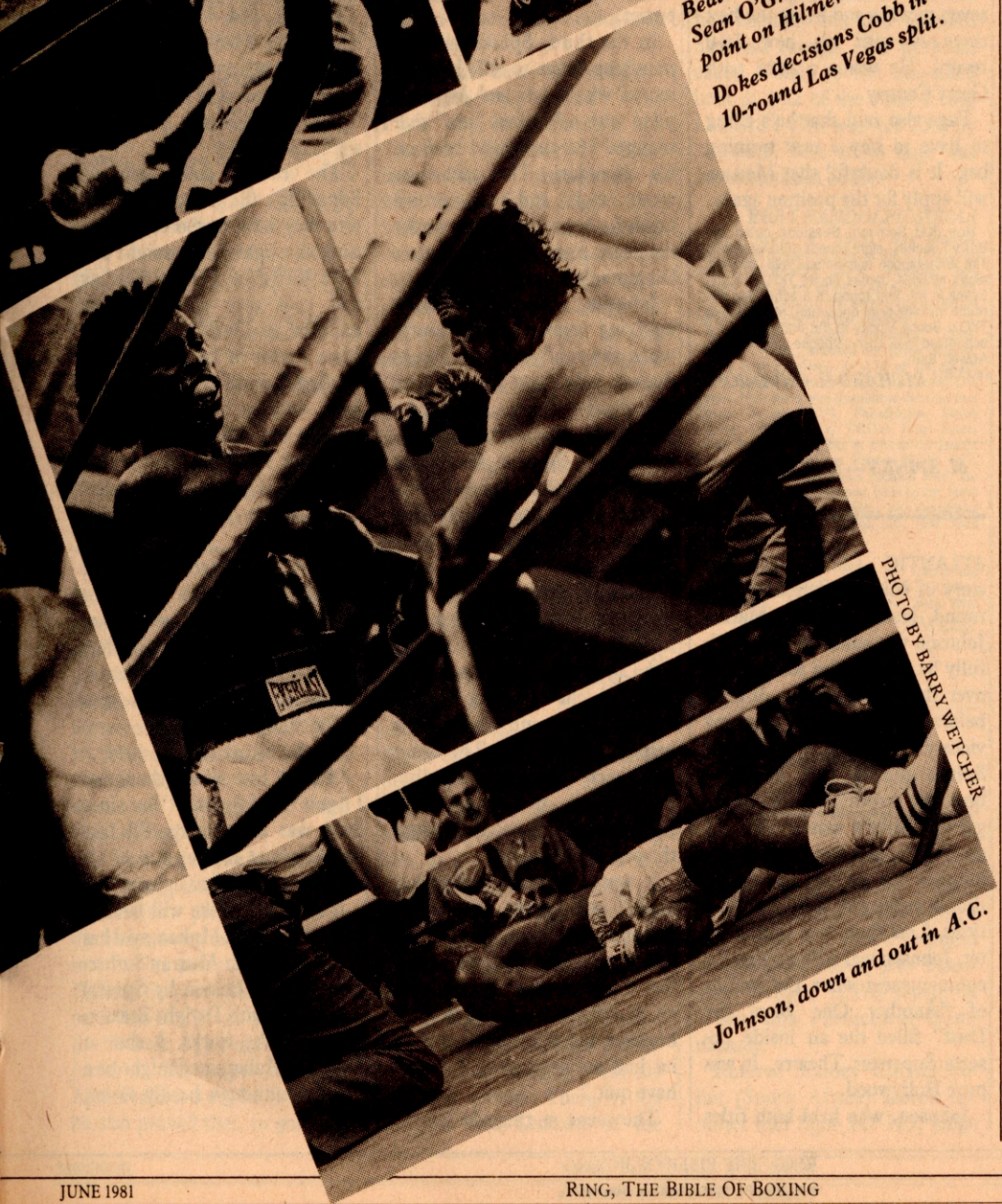
Sanchez hits the "nail on the head" of Roberto Castanon.

Leo Cruz(ing) to an easy win over Sergio Victor Palma.

PHOTO BY RICHARD L. GROUP

Beat the body, kill the legs; Sean O'Grady proves his point on Hilmer Kenty

Dokes decisions Cobb in a 10-round Las Vegas split.



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Johnson, down and out in A.C.

for Holmes: judge Joe Swessel scored a shutout at 150-135; Lou Tabat scored 146-140; and Charles Minker, 146-139. After the bout, Holmes commented: "This just proves that you can't take anybody lightly. Berbick is a strong but awkward fighter. He was really confident, and so keyed up he took everything I had and then some. And he gave me all I could handle."

Berbick, as jubilant as if he had won the fight, stated: "I'm happy because I made a name for myself today. Everybody thought the fight wouldn't go more than a few rounds. But now I think the boxing world knows that Trevor Berbick is a fighter to be reckoned with."

In a 12-round preliminary for the NABF super lightweight championship, Leroy Haley, 139, Las Vegas, scored a unanimous decision over Willie Rodriguez, 139, Allentown, Pa. Haley, the hometown favorite, was keyed up for this "return grudge match", with Rodriguez, who had beaten him in a previous bout. Haley suffered a bad cut under his left eye in the eighth round but the injury did not affect his performance. Scoring was: judge Alan Adler, 118-110; Bob Martin, 115-114; and Duane Ford, 117-111. Refere was David Pearl.

In the card opener, scheduled for six, Mark Holmes, 158, younger brother of Larry,, kayoed Kenny Hodge, 158¼, at 0:48 of the sixth round. Mark Holmes is now 9-0. Referee: Joey Curtis.

A 10-round middleweight bout resulted in a unanimous decision for Robby Epps of Clovis, New Mexico over Dwight Davison, Detroit.

The unranked Epps put on an impressive performance over the second ranked Davison. With both fighters weighing 160½. Epps was in command throughout the bout. Davison seemed sluggish and unable to cope with the aggressive Epps. This was Davison's first loss; and both fighters now have 28-1 records.

Scoring was: judge Alan Adler, 99-90; Bob Martin, 96-93; and Duane Ford, 96-93. Referee: Joey Curtis.

After the fight, the jubilant Epps remarked: "I was in control all through the fight, and I made him look bad. I beat a top contender; so now, I hope they'll see fit to put me in the ratings!"

In a 10-round welterweight bout, Larry Martin, 150½, took a split decision over Pete Seward, 150. Judge Jerry Roth saw the bout 96-93 for Seward, but Martin was the winner on the cards of Judge Dave Moretti, 98-94; and Dalby Shirley, 98-91.

In a lightweight bout, scheduled for six, Lonnie Smith, 136¼, Denver, scored his sixth straight victory with a TKO over Elias Rodriguez, 136, Tucson, Arizona. Referee Carlos Padilla stopped the bout at 1:08 of the second round.

The final bout of the card also ended in a TKO, as Charles Singleton, 179, scored over William Banks, also 179. Carlos Padilla stopped the contest at 1:48 of the second.

The Holmes-Berbick title card was presented by Don King Productions in association with Caesars palace.

The card had been turned down by the three major networks, but was broadcast on Home Box Office.

Attendance—3,578
Gross— $140,455.

SHIRLEY NORMAN

RINGSIDE REPORTS

PAGE-MONROE

KIAMESHA LAKE, N.J.—If it's true that the pen is mightier than the sword, then it's just as true that the fist is mightier than the mouth. And Greg Page proved that point here today without getting much of an argument from Marty Monroe, who had predicted victory in their scheduled 10-round bout.

Page, 226, considerably outweighted Monroe, who came in at 195. Not that weight played any part in the affair. It was much more a question of Monroe's unwillingness to do battle.

From the very first bell, Page was the aggressor, shooting jabs to the body. As the round wore on, with Monroe clinching and inviting disaster by letting himself be trapped in the corners, Page began to take liberties which, even with some rank amateurs, would have proven suicidal. Uppercuts, combinations—you name it, Page threw it. Monroe did his part too; he caught it all.

The second round started off a little bit more even, but Monroe was soon back trying to win the fight by feinting. He often put his head wherever Page put his glove. There was a warning to Page for holding, but it was of no consequence.

The only thing that changed in the third round was that Page's punches were getting harder and a cut appeared under Monroe's left eye. Monroe, who seemed at times to have at least an opening to let fly, always appeared to stop short, reminding me of the "preacher" in those old Westerns who does not believe in violence.

By the fifth frame, everyone, the spectators as well as fighters, was getting pretty tired of it all. Page was feeling the exhaustion of dominance in every round while Monroe was suffering the agony of his opponent's body attack. After consulting with New York State Boxing Commission Dr. Frank Folk, referee Joe Cortez declined to let Monroe play the part of a speed-bag any longer. The bout was officially stopped at the end of the fifth round. It was a merciful act for all concerned.

Monroe's record fell to 22-2-1. His number six *Ring* rating should drop a lot further.

At the post fight news conference, Page, who was rated number eight by *Ring* before this fight, said all the things that the victor is supposed to say about becoming champion in seven months and being the best there is with his new 16-0 record. He wants a fight with Gerry Cooney. . . .

Page also said that he's going to have to buy a new training bag. It is doubtful that Monroe will apply for the position again.

Ron (Kid Samson) Sessions outscored Barry Funches, eight rounds, heavyweights. Tim Witherspoon outpointed Dave Johnson, eight, heavies. James Shuler TKO'd Clinton Evans in the first round of a scheduled six-round middleweight encounter. Marty Shuler TKO'd Bobby Mondy in the first round of a scheduled four. Larry Gibbons outpointed A. Artwell, four.

(4-11-81) *RICHARD H. CHUDNOFF*

M. SPINKS — M. JOHNSON

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—The story of Michael Spinks' fourth round knockout over Marvin Johnson was summed up beautifully by a pair of hit songs piped over the sound system directly before and after his stunning victory. "This Is It" ushered Spinks into the ring, heralding both the importance—and danger—of Mike's match with the ex-champ. He was risking his number one ranking and a sure shot at either the WBA or WBC titles. Less than four rounds later, Johnson was still groping for consciousness when the sounds of "Another One Bites the Dust" filled the air inside Resorts Superstar Theatre. It was pure Hollywood.

Johnson, who held both titles on brief and separate occasions, got off to his customary quick start. He hustled Spinks, 176, around the ring, probing with his southpaw jab and catching Mike with several jarring uppercuts that brought blood from his mouth.

"He got me with a few mean uppercuts in the first round," Spinks said. "Next to my brother Leon, Johnson throws an uppercut as well as anyone."

They fought on even terms in the second, each landing well to the body. Johnson was doing a fair job of smothering Spinks' power.

In the third, Spinks' sharper punching began to tell. Johnson scored with a left and Mike replied with a "Spinks Jinx" that snapped Marvin's head back on his shoulders. The exchanges were brisk and the crowd howled. A vicious right, under the heart, punctuated the former Olympian's best round so far.

Johnson was still gamely applying pressure in the fourth when the roof caved in. Spinks ducked a Johnson lead, dipped slightly at the waist and fired a left hook that nailed Marvin flush. The force of the punch sent him crashing backwards to the canvas, his head ricochetting off the boards with a sickening crack.

Johnson rolled over and struggled to regain his feet. He lurched halfway up as referee Joe Cortez counted him out at 1:22 of the fourth. Marvin sagged again and had to be helped to his corner. The count had been a mere formality. Everyone in the house knew Johnson was finished the instant the punch connected.

It was a picture perfect left hook," said Spinks. "I saw the picture, then I took it. I felt the punch all the way down to my feet. I hit him dead on the money. It twisted his head, popped his neck and touched a nerve. If he had survived that, I would have quit."

The scene at ringside following the knockout could only be described as pandemonium. While Marvin swooned on his stool, a member of his camp was engaged in a free-for-all with a security guard the size of a soft-drink machine. Spinks was busy on the other side of the ring exchanging the usual post-fight insults with WBC boss Matthew Saad Muhammad.

"You're next," hollered Spinks. "Spinks stinks, Spinks stinks," retorted Saad as he marched around the ring giving the thumbs down sign. All very original stuff.

Johnson, 174, was taken to Atlantic City Medical Center for overnight observation. A hospital spokesman said that he had a "slight concussion", but was in stable condition.

The crushing defeat ends any hopes that the Indianapolis native may have harbored of winning the light heavyweight belt for a third time. He has been hot and cold ever since he first annexed the WBC crown from Mate Parlov in 1978. He lost in his first defense to Saad Muhammad, only to bounce back and capture the WBA version with an upset knockout over Victor Galindez. Then came his defeat at the hands of Eddie Mustafa Muhammed.

Marvin could carry on against second-raters, but his time at the top seems over. He was seldom in a bad fight, providing thrills—win or lose. His record stands at 27-5, with 21 wins inside the distance.

Spinks' future is much rosier.

"I don't care which champion I fight," said Spinks. "But since Saad was here today, I'll take him. I'm not making fun of his name, but he's a *sad* fighter."

It looks like Mike will have to get in line. Saad Muhammad has a title date with Murray Sutherland (already beaten by Spinks) and a bout with Dwight Braxton is also in the works. A shot at Mustafa Muhammad might be a quicker, although hardly easier, route.

The spectacular win was the 17th straight for Spinks, the 12th via a knockout.

It is interesting to note that, going into the fourth round, judge Milo Savage, who can always be counted on to come up with a strange score, had Johnson ahead, three-zip., Judge Fred Burnette and referee Cortez were closer to the truth with scores of 2-1 and 3-0, respectively, both for Spinks. *The Ring* had it even, 1-1-1.

Charlie "Cho Cho" Brown, 140, Phila., kayoed Marion Thomas, 140, in 1:52 of the first. Thomas, a 60-fight vet from Indianapolis, took a clean right to the chops and went down in slow motion, much to the delight of the fans. He was out cold before he hit the deck.

In other action, Ronnie Gibbons, 148, New York City, kayoed Tyrone Moore, 146, Louisville, Ky., in 2:27 of the first. Ken (Boom Boom) Bogner, 133, Trenton, N.J., TKO'd Marty Kirkland, 129½, Phila, in two. Manuel DeLarosa, 139, Brooklyn, kayoed Felix Thereaux, 135, Hoboken, N.J. in 1:27 of the third. James Shuler, 161, Phila., TKO'd Robert Thomas, 158, Phila., in four. Art "Moose" McCloud, 164½, Phila., TKO'd Willard "Pop" Nance, 166, Trenton, N.J., in four.

The entertaining card played before a packed house, paying $20 and $35 per seat. The main event was televised live over ABC-TV with Humble Howard at the mike.

Referees—Joe Cortez and Frank Capcino
Judges—Milo Savage, Frank Burnette
Promoter—Butch Lewis
Attendance—1,550

(3-28-81) *NIGEL COLLINS*

LEONARD-BONDS
World Welterweight Title

SYRACUSE. N.Y.—They flocked here for the first world title fight in this area since Billy Backus beat Jose Napoles in 1970. The traveling media show was here; representatives of Marvin Hagler, Thomas Hearns, and Pipino Cuevas were here; and 22,000+ were here. All because of Sugar Ray Leonard.

In advertising terms, Syracuse was being used as a "test" market—to prove Leonard's drawing power as a negotiating tool for his potential fight with Hearns. He proved he could take on a left-hander in preparation for his next fight, against world junior middleweight champion Ayub Kalule. And, far from last, he also proved that, in going 10 rounds with Larry Bonds at Syracuse's new carrier Dome, he was, in an oft-used line, "The biggest carrier since Mother Dionne."

From the moment Leonard signed for this required—but hardly mandatory—title defense, the fight denizens trumpeted "Who's He?" everytime they heard the name Larry Bonds. But Bonds wasn't a "Who's He?" so much as a "Why Him?" Rated by the WBC even though he hadn't fought in over a year-and-a-half, Bonds gave Leonard exactly what he wanted—more of a workout than a knockout.

From the onset of the fight—unimaginatively called "The Fight" by its promoters, the Syracuse Chamber of Commerce—Bonds attempted to keep away from Sugar Ray, jabbing and continually moving in alternating currents—to his right first, then to his left—punctuating each change of gears with a right jab. In that manner, he hoped to cut down Leonard's punching angles, but all he got for his torubles were jabs. And plenty of them, as Leonard kept coming at him from all angles, which is what Bonds had devoutly wished. But not as devoutly as Leonard kept tagging him.

By the second round, the lanky Bonds, 144½, was almost running—keeping Ray away, but hardly winning fans. Or rounds. By the fourth, the champ, 145½, caught up with Bonds and rattled seven straight punches off his head, including four straight rights over and under Larry's guard, dropping him in a neutral corner at the bell—an ancient tinny bell, unmothed from the last championship fight in Syracuse and incapable of making any but the faintest "ting."

The pattern continued—Bonds moving, Leonard punching, and bell "tinging"—for the next five rounds. Then, in the 10th, it was Leonard of the attack again, catching Bonds in his own corner and sending him reeling with a hard right to the head. Bonds tried to get away, but Leonard followed, landed a right to Bonds, side which bent him over double, and then floored him with a right-left combination to the head. Bonds arose at six, took referee Arthur Mercante's mandatory eight, and then moved out with unseeing eyes to resume the action.

The action was all Leonard: five straight punches to the head. Mercante, deciding he had seen enough, that Bonds had had enough, and that Leonard had had enough of a workout, called a halt to the one-sided bout at 2:22 of the 10th. It was Leonard's 29th win, his 20th by knockout. And at no time was the outcome in doubt.

BERT RANDOLPH SUGAR

Tony Ayala, Jr., 154¾, San Antonio, Texas, got up off the floor in the first to kayo Mario Maldonado, 154¼, Vineland New Jersey, with a withering body attack in 2:57 of the third round in the semi-final, schedule for eight. Tommy Holmes, referee.

Six-rounders: Johnny Bumphus, 138½, Nashville, Tenn., knocked out Jackie Morrell, 141½, Lowell, Mass., in 2:10 of the fourth round. Frankie Adams, referee. Alex Ramos, 159, Bronx, New York, won unanimous decision over Danny Snyder, 161¾, Philadelphia. Davey Moore, 153½, Bronx, TKO'd Tony Suero, 152¼, Upper Darby, Pa., at 2:52 of the fourth. Tommy Holmes, referee. Bernard Taylor, 127, Knoxville, won unanimous decision over Antonio Nieves, 126¾, Paterson, New Jersey. Steve Zouski, 203¾, Brockton, Mass., won unanimous decision over Tyrone Harlee, 222, New York City.

(3-28-81)

Rocky Zolnierezyk, 134¾, St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada, won a close decision over James Giambaluca, 133¼, Buffalo, four. Both were making their pro dubuts. *JIM LEO*

SERRANO-UEHARA
World Junior Lightweight Title

WAKAYAMA, JAPAN—Crafty Samuel Serrano, 130, Puerto Rico, regained WBA junior lightweight title with a 15-round unanimous decision over Yasutsune Uehara, 129½, Japan, in Wakayama Prefectural Gymnasium.

Referee Stanley Christodoulou (South Africa) scored the rather dull fight 147-143, judge Harold Lederman (New York) had it 144-142, and judge Mike Glienna (Chicago) carded 145-142—all in favor of Serrano.

This was a rematch, Uehara having won the crown with a one-punch come-from-behind kayo win over Serrano in Detroit on August 2, 1980. He tried to land the same punch—a right—this time, but to no avail. Serrano kept his distance, avoided Uehara's roundhouse blows, and tied the powerful Japanese fighter up whenever Yasutsune got inside his reach.

The first two rounds were uneventful, with the fighters feeling each other out. The lanky Puerto Rican landed a few one-two combinations against the pursuing Uehara in round three to take the round by a slight margin.

The fourth saw Uehara try with body punches, but Serrano averted them by moving and blocking with his elbows. In the fifth, Serrano made effective use of his 70¼" reach (two and a half inches longer than Uehara's) and scored well with his sharp left jabs. The sixth was close, but it was probably Serrano's. Sammy moved to and fro and occasionally countered the infighter with some crisp left hooks.

The 5′ Uehara stalked the 5′9″ Fancy Dan in rounds seven and eight, but his offensive pattern was too easy to solve. The ex-champ utilized his arms and feet to keep his person well protected.

Serrano clearly took the ninth round with stinging lefts and speedy one-two combos. Uehara frequently forgot about weaving or ducking in the 10th and 11th sessions, and absorbed more long punches to the face.

Serrano was also ringwise enough to hold Uehara's muscular arms for quite awhile—then release them quickly just before the third man gave a warning.

Uehara, however, had his best round in round 12. He landed a wicked right to Serrano's sharp

edge jaw and made him stagger to the ropes. Yasutsune went all out for a kayo, but he was wild with his punches. He won the round, but lost his biggest opportunity.

The 14th round was Uehara's last chance for a victory. He landed a strong right and after some busy combinations on a couple of occasions. Yasutsune stalked Samuel hastily and harshly, but Serrano just got on his bicycle and *ran.*

The last round contained nothing in particular. Serrano, who realized his points lead, stuck to his footwork and clinching. Uehara still tried desperately, but all to no avail.

Referee Christodoulou, who was acting as the third man in a world title bout for the 18th time, raised Serrano's hand. Sammy had regained his title.

Serrano and his manager, Pepe Cordero, were jubilant. "In Detroit, last August, I was careless," said Serrano. "I had underestimated Uehara's power. This time, I was cautious, and I watched out for his right."

Asked about his future, Serrano, who owns jewelry stores and auto parts shops in Puerto Rico, said that he'd retire after two more fights. "Fighting," he observed, "is very hard work."

Serrano's record is now 42-3-1 with 15 knockouts. Uehara is 27-5 with 21 kayoes.

"I became too rough," said the crestfallen Uehara. "I aimed to score the right with which I had flattened Serrano to win the title, but my arms were continually hampered by his clinch work. I will do my best to regain the crown in the future."

He should have done his best in this fight. Yasutsune failed to throw blows in combinations. His big attempts at punches missed their moving target—and whatever chance he had of winning.

Unbeaten Yoshimitsu Azato, 130¼, the JBC's top ranked featherweight, dropped veteran Kojiro Sasaki, 130½, twice, and demolished him in 1:18 of the third round in their semi-final 10. Azato, 20, is now 7-0-1 with six stoppages. Sasaki is 13-17-7 with five kayoes.

Takao Maruuchi, 135, kayoed southpaw Motohiko Okuyama, 132¼, in 3:07 of the fifth round in the program's first 10-rounder. Maruuchi, 10-2 with nine kayoes, did not look sharp, however, and showed that he needs to work on defense.

Lord Mitsuru, 111½, ran his record to 6-0 (three kayoes) with a unanimous (59-55, 59-56, 59-57) decision over Yuji Katai, 111, six.

Takuya Muguruma, 126, made his pro debut by stopping Kenji Miyagi, also 126, in 1:11 of the second in a scheduled four-rounder. The bout was held between the Azato-Sasaki contest and the main event.

Co-promoted by Masaki Kanehira's Kyoei Promotions and Kuratoki Promotions of Wakayama. nationally telecast through Nippon TV.

Attendance—6,000
(4-09-81) *JOE Y. KOIZUMI*

DOKES-COBB

LAS VEGAS, NEV.—Michael "Dynamite" Dokes added victory number 20 to his unbeaten record, as he took a 10-round majority decision over Randy "Tex" Cobb.

The heavyweight bout was the semi-main event on the Sanchez-Castanon Featherweight Title card at Ceasars Palace Sports Pavilion.

The bout was packed with action all the way—as it pitted the polished, superbly-trained performance of 218 pound Michael Dokes against the guts and determination of the rough-hewn Cobb, 228.

Cobb early on attempted to take advantage of his height, weight, and reach advantages by leading with his long left jabs. Dokes, however, cleverly countered the attempts by moving inside and landing consistent jabs and combinations on Cobb's head and midsection.

Cobb began the second round as the obvious aggressor, but Dokes moved swiftly inside, landing a number of shots on the Texan's midsection followed by a series of uppercuts.

It was the same story in the third and fourth rounds, with Dokes doing most of the scoring and Cobb doing most of the sweating.

By the fifth round, Dokes appeared to be tiring, and Cobb moved swiftly to pin his opponent to the ropes. However, Dokes came off the ropes swinging with a series of straight lefts and combinations. Cobb turned the action around in the sixth, as he caught Dokes with a hard right to the head and followed with a pair of uppercuts.

The Texan continued his assault in the seventh, and again in the eighth, when he rocked the third ranked Dokes with a stunning right hook.

But Dokes was undisturbed by the blows, and came back to win the ninth and 10th rounds.

Cobb seemed to have gotten his second wind as he came out for the final round, chasing Dokes to the ropes, and swinging to his jaws. The punches however, were ineffective, and the round was awarded to Dokes. Scoring was: Joe Swessel 97-94, Dokes; Bob Martin, 97-94, Dokes; Hal Miller, 95-95. Referee— Carlos Padilla.

After the contest, Dokes explained his strategy: "I had to come on storng in the early rounds and take the steam out of him. I know I burned him out in the first five rounds. I could feel how he was slowing down his pace!"

Dokes went on: "I felt good all through the fight, and I didn't even have to catch my second wind. I'm ready now for a shot at the heavyweight Title. I'll fight Larry Holmes, Mike Weaver, Gerry Cooney, Ken Norton—any of the top heavyweights. I love to fight, and I don't want to lay around for months waiting for opponents!"

Meanwhile, Cobb, who is known for his Texas-style humor as well as his boxing activities, quipped: "I'm not ecstatic about the fight today. I could have done better. But I'm going to keep at it until I get this thing right."

Cobb continued: "Michael is a very flashy fighter, so it looks like he's doin' more than he is. But I think I was the aggressor because I was rockin' and he was weavin'. . . . "But he's a good fighter . . . fast and quick, and I learned a bunch from fightin' Michael today. But I want y'all to know that my day is coming. I'm only 25, and I'm young and strong, and I'm gonna give some people a lot of trouble in the ring in the future!"

SANCHEZ-CASTANON
World Featherweight Title

Welterweight Roberto Castanon's trip from Spain was all in vain . . . as he tried unsuccessfully to wrest the WBC featherweight title from champion Salvador Sanchez of Mexico.

Completely out-matched and out-classed, the challenger fell to a 10th round TKO at the fists of the mighty champion.

The title bout, held at Caesars Palace Sports Pavilion in Las Vegas, was the fifth successful defense for the talented Sanchez, who took the championship a year ago from Danny "Little Red" Lopez.

Sanchez was in command from the opening bell, as Castanon struggled to avoid the champion's brutal fists and land some punches of his own.

In the first five rounds, Castanon actually threw more punches than Sanchez, but most of them missed their mark.

The Spaniard sustained a cut under his right eye in the first round, and was suffering from a severe bloody nose from the fourth round on.

Both fighters weighed in at 126, but Castanon had sweated off ¾ of a pound to make the weight, and later told the press that the weight loss had weakened him considerably. "By the fourth round," he said, "I had nothing left. My legs were gone, and I was very, very tired".

Castanon had trouble breathing in the fifth round, and in the sixth spit out his mouth-

piece to get extra air into his lungs.

Sanchez, sensing that his opponent was in trouble in the fifth round, went to work and scored heavily with consecutive lefts to the head. Castanon attempted to counter with his right hand, but his punches were ineffective, and most were blocked or ducked by the champion.

Sanchez inflicted severe punishment on his opponent in the eighth and ninth rounds. In the eighth, a right followed by a right-left combination forced the challenger to the ropes, and, in the ninth, Sanchez landed a close range barrage of combinations that had the Spaniard staggered.

Moments into the 10th round, Sanchez dropped his opponent with a short left hook. Castanon got to his feet, only to be met by a stunning flurry of combinations. Referee David Pearl spared him further punishment by stopping the fight at 1:09 of the session.

Sanchez had barely worked up a sweat in retaining his title, and he stated, after the fight, "This wasn't the easiest defense I ever had, but it wasn't very difficult, either. The only blow I felt was his right in the fifth round".

Sanchez then revealed that he hopes to make his next title defense against Wilfredo Gomez, the super bantamweight champion, who is moving up to the featherweight division.

Sanchez claimed that he has no fear of the unbeaten Gomez, and proclaimed that. "I want to show the world that I can beat him!"

The beaten Castanon admitted after the bout that "This was the toughest fight of my life. I am taking nothing away from Sanchez, but I was in a weakened condition after sweating off that extra pound. I was not in top shape for this bout." Castanon added that he would return to Europe and move up to the junior lightweight division, where he would have no trouble making the weight limit.

In the card opener, scheduled for six, Mark Holmes, 156, younger brother of Larry, scored a TKO over Larry Duran, 155. Duran was knocked down in the first round, and was in constant trouble from that point on. Duran was unable to answer the bell for the fifth. Referee: Fred Hernandez.

In a scheduled 10-rounder, Oscar Muniz, 119½, the NABF bantamweight champion, stopped Carlos Zuniga, 120, in the seventh. Zuniga's eyes were nearly swollen shut from the constant battering by Muniz, and referee Fred Hernandez stopped the bout at the end of the seventh round.

In a four-round lightweight bout, promising newcomer Lonnie Smith, 137, earned a unanimous decision over Tucson's George Crawford, 135 ¾.

Smith hurt Crawford with a left in the first round and pummeled him against the ropes in the thrid. The win brings Smith's record to 4-0. All three score cards read 40-36 in favor of Smith. Referee: Harry Krause.

In the walk-out bout, Petronaela Velasquez, 135, scored a unanimous eight-round decision over Raul Morales, 132½. Scoring was: judge Duane Ford: 76-75; Joe Swessel, 76-75; Charles Minker, 78-73; Referee: Harry Krause.

The six-bout title card was presented by Caesars Palace in assocoation with Five Star Promotions, and was broadcast by ABC. Attendance—2,727. Gross $75,608.

(3-22-81) *SHIRLEY NORMAN*

PALMA-CRUZ
WBA Junior Featherweight Title

BUENOS AIRES, ARG.—Sergio Victor Palma, Argentina, retained his WBA junior featherweight crown with a unanimous decision over Leo Cruz, Dominican Republic, after 15 rounds of fighting in Luna Park Stadium.

The official scores were 149-138, 148-141, and 149-142.

There were no knockdowns, but Palma was in command throughout the bout, except for a stretch from the eighth to the 10th sessions, in which Cruz beat the champ to the punch during some heavy infighting.

Aside from that, Cruz spent the fight on the defensive. Hard body shots ripped Leo's body in the last four rounds.

This was Palma's second defense of the crown he won from Leo Randolph on August 9, 1980. It was Cruz's second try at winning a world title. Wilfredo Gomez stopped him in the 13th round of a WBC super bantamweight championship contest at Hiram Bithorn Stadium in San Juan, Puerto Rico, on September 9, 1978. (4-04-81)

CHANDLER-MURATA
World Bantamweight Title

TOKYO, JAPAN—Joltin' Jeff Chandler, 115¼, retained his WBA crown by battling to a hard fought draw with OPBF champion Eijiro Murata, 118, at Kuramae Arena.

The handsome Murata, about an inch or so shorter than the 5'7" Philadelphian, has now drawn with both "world" bantamweight champs. He shared honors in a title bout with WBC champion Lupe Pintor in Tokyo on June 11, 1980.

This was a "mandatory" WBA defense for Chandler, so all of the officials were neutral foreigners. Referee Ernesto Magana (Mexico) scored the contest 146-146; judge Humberto Figueroa (Panama) had it 145-142, Chandler; and judge Fernando Vizo (Venezuela) carded 147-146, Murata. This reporter gave the fight to Chandler, 145-143, as the lanky champ displayed superior ring generalship and had the better of the infighting.

The first round was Murata's best. He almost toppled Chandler with a smashing right that sent him staggering to the ropes. From then on, Chandler, usually kept his distance with fast footwook. Murata got inside of him at times, but Chandler almost always tied him up.

The second round was even, although Jeff suffered a small cut over the right eyebrow. Good corner work, however, kept the injury in check.

The third frame belonged to Chandler, as he scored with right hand leads and followed up with straight lefts.

From the fourth round on, Jeff befuddled Eijiro with his by-far-the-faster footwork. When Murata did reach Chandler, Jeff just shoved his blows aside and grabbed his arms. The round was about even.

In the fifth, Murata's "triple" blows (one-twos followed by left uppercuts to the side of the body) sometimes caught the champion. Jeff, however, used his longer reach to tap Murata's arms and stop his follow-up. Murata's frame by a slight edge.

The sixth was fought on even terms. Eijiro kept boring in, but Chandler stepped back and to the side.

Chandler took the seventh round by a clear margin., His right-left combinations found Murata's face repeatedly, and the game challenger started bleeding from a cut over the right eyebrow. Eijiro's cornermen, however, stemmed the flow.

Chandler seemed to have solved Murata's style by the eighth round. Jeff counterpunched with short right uppercuts as Eijiro came charging in. The eighth was Chandler's session by a narrow margin.

The champ's skill at timely clinching nullified Murata's attempts to land smashing combos. In the ninth, the challenger very roughly tried to get inside of Chandler, who promptly grabbed his arms. The third man warned both boxers in this canto. Jeff was, for the most part, moving fast, avoiding Eijiro's rushes.

Murata took the 10th and 11th rounds by going to the body. Chandler rarely absorbed any good blows, but he was obliged to circle or retreat for the six minutes.

Chandler seemed to have solved Murata's new strategy of going to the body by round 12. He often countered the Japanese mixer with sharp edged uppercuts and stinging short right hands. Joltin' Jeff's round.

Murata seemed to be running out of gas as the contest progressed. Eijiro, who compiled a 78-10 (43 kayoes) amateur record before entering the paid ranks in 1976, is usually an upright counterpuncher. But the differ-

ence in height and reach (Chandler's 70 against Murata's 66¾) compelled the OPBF king to alter his style. Attempts at brutal infighting hastened Eijiro's feelings of fatigue.

The still fresh and fast WBA champ was in complete command in rounds 13 and 14, making superb use of his beautiful combinations.

The 14th frame was Chandler's best. He caught Murata with seemingly perfect punches, and almost knocked him down.

Amazingly, Murata won the last round, as he staggered Chandler with a solid overhand right. He stalked the world champ, trying for a knockout, but Jeff changed gears and increased his speed. Eijiro simply could not catch him with on-target blows. Once Chandler regained his balance, Murata had no real chance.

Then came the final gong. The fight—a good contest—was over. Some less sophisticated fans were bored by the clinches and holding, but clinching is an essential technique and part of the game.

Jeff Chandler, still unbeaten, has not hit the deck in his career. Jeff is not an Olivares or a Zarate, but he's a talented champ with speed, conditioning, skills, and boxing know how.

Murata should have utilized his specialties—left jabs and countering rights—in the later rounds. He will meet Chandler or Pintor again in the near future. Before then, though, he'd better let Eddie Taunsend, his 66-year-old veteran trainer, show him how to keep more proper balance.

Chandler is now 25-0-2 with 12 kayoes. "I thought I won by at least four points," said Jeff, disgustedly. "The ref warned mostly against me, but Murata's head was by far lower than mine. If he (Murata) wants a rematch, I will give it to him with pleasure."

Jeff received a reported $40,000 for fighting in Japan, compared to $10,000 for Murata. "I should have attacked him (Chandler) more," said the still challenger. "But I will fight again for either of the world titles." The mandatory defense systems of the WBA and WBC will get Eijiro a title shot within, at most a year. But Murata, who is now 18-0-3 with 11 kayoes, will be hard pressed to beat either of the world champs with his current level of skill.

Chandler's manager, K.O. Becky O'Neill, shrugged her shoulders at the decision. The fight, however, would be telecast in Chandler's native city, so the residents of Philly would see who the winner was. But it was very close. Murata ought to get a rematch.

Kazuo Osamu, 117½, TKO'd Manabu Irei, 118, in the fifth round of a scheduled eight. Referee Shoichi Uchida called a halt at 0:38 of the session.

Hideyuki Kawai, 122, stopped southpaw Mario Ishii, 121½, at 2:43 of the second round in their scheduled eight.

Yoshihide Sawano, 135, and Yutaka Itoi, 134, drew, six. Scores: 58-57, 57-58, 58-58.

Four-rounders: Ikuo Watanabe, 107½, outpointed Kazunori Maeyama, 107, Hiromichi Aomatsu, 126, outscored Kenzo Ishibashi, 125. Kiyoharu Ihara, 124½ outpointed Isamyu Endo, 125¾. Yoshiyuki Uchida, 111, kayoed Masanori Kasuya, 111½, in 0:38 of the first round in the opener.

Kaneko Promotions. TBS TV (Japan) and CBS (U.S.).

Attendance—6,000.

(4-05-81)

JOE Y. KOIZUMI

LACIAR-MATHEBULA
WBA Title

SOWETO, SOUTH AFRICA—The WBA flyweight title changes hands so often these days that it's becoming like a game of musical chairs.

Latest man to occupy the "throne" is Santos "Falucho" Laciar, a muscled midget with the soul of a peasant who hails from Villa Carlos Paz in Argentina.

Laciar won the title by halting South Africa's Peter "Terror" Mathebula in the seventh round of an afternoon fight at Orlando Stadium.

It was the first world title fight held in Soweto, a turbulent black township, and there were only a handful of whites among the 20,000 spectators.

Because of soccer violence at the Stadium, security was an important factor. Politics was also a problem, with AZAPO—a black conscience organization—advising its followers to boycott the fight.

In any event, the large predominately black crowd, was extremely well behaved, and everyone breathed a sigh of relief when the show went off without a hitch.

The only trouble was that the local hero got clobbered. Except for the first three rounds, Mathebula was hardly in the fight. He came into the ring looking physically drawn, and poorely prepared for a world championship fight.

It showed the moment Laciar 112 began reaching his body with solid blows—and when Santos clipped him with a hard left hook and an overhand right in the fourth round.

Mathebula, 111¾, had been boxing virtually one-handed, using his left both as a hook and a jab while holding his right high to protect his face.

These were strange tactics for a man who is essentially, a boxer, and it came as no surprise when Laciar's constant aggression paid off in the fifth round. The challenger hurt Mathebula with several body blows, and then dropped him with a vicious left hook to the jaw.

Mathebula was up before American referee Stan Berg had completed the eight-count, but he was in desperate trouble, as Laciar barged into the attack.

Unable to tag the wobbling champion, Laciar pushed him through the ropes in frustration. Quite rightly, referee Berg allowed Mathebula back into the ring without a count.

Even so, Mathebula was badly shaken, and he survived the round on sheer courage. His right eye has been nicked in the third round and, now that his legs had turned to jelly, the writing was on the wall.

There was little action in the sixth, but Laciar attacked ferociously at the start of the seventh. A right to the body almost caused Mathebula to jackknife, and the champion grabbed the challenger around the waist and both men fell to the canvas.

No sooner had Mathebula regained his feet than a barrage of blows to the head dropped him to his hands and knees. Again, Mathebula beat the count, but, shaking his head and pawing at yet another cut on his left eye with his gloved fist, he indicated, both to the referee and his corner, that he wanted to quit.

"I wasn't going to stop the fight," referee Berg said afterwards. "But Mathebula obviously didn't want to carry on. I said' 'Are we going to have a fight or not?' Mathebula just shook his head and said he couldn't see."

Berg added: "I was surprised because he had come back well after being knocked down in the fifth round. In fact, Mathebula won the sixth round."

Mathebula claimed that a head butt had caused the injury on his left eye. "No way," said Berg. "Mathebula is a head taller than Laciar. The Argentinian would have had to jump at him to get a butt."

I believe Mathebula relied far too much on heart and misplaced confidence, clearly under-rating his opponent. This was underlined; in a comment he made in his dressing room after the fight.

"Laciar is a nobody," he said. "He is not in any class and I should have beaten him easily."

Gaybon Yekiso sprung the surprise of the afternoon by completely outboxing Jose Narvaez over eight round, bantamweight.

Harold Volbrecht outpointed Roberto Alfaro over 10 rounds in a catchweight contest. The decision was split, and many ringsiders felt that Volbrecht was lucky to have been declared the winner.

Juan Malvarez TKO'd Evans Gwiji in the sixth round, junior lightweights.

(3-28-81)

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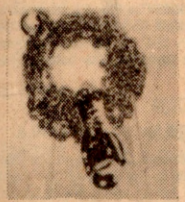

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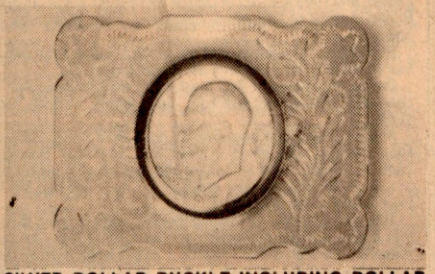

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RINGS AROUND THE WORLD

NORTH AMERICA

UNITED STATES

COLORADO

▲ **DENVER — Tlatelolco Auditorium —** Tim Lucero, Denver, won unanimous decision over tough Ray Menefee, Nebraska, in the eight-round main event. Lucero is now 10-0.

Speed merchant Ron Cisneros, 113, Denver, knocked out Nebraska's Billy O'Conner, 117, in 2:59 of the third round in their scheduled eight-rounder. Cisneros is now 9-0.

Micah Trué, 151, Denver, won unanimous decision over Bill Doyle, 149, Des Moines, Iowa, six. True is now 6-0.

Ben Belmont, 154, Omaha, halted Walt Davis, 159, Kansas City, in the second session of the four-round opener.

Promoted by the Colorado Recreation and Boxing Coaches Association.
(3-07-81)

▲ **DENVER — Tlatelolco Auditorium —** Tim Lucero, 131, the "Denver Dancing Master," boxed and punched out a unanimous decision over tough and awkward southpaw Ken Moody, also 131, eight. Moody was unbeaten prior to the contest.

Ronnie Cisneros, 112, the "Rocky Mountain Assassin," knocked out Bruce McNeil, 119, in 2:46 of the third round in the eight-round companion main event.

Crowd pleaser Rodrigo "El Martillo" Hernandez, 162, came back after a nine-month lay-off and bombed out tough Hal Davis, 165, Kansas City, in 2:30 of the fourth round.

Hank Pamplin, 211, halted Sonny Williams, 207, in the second. Pamplin is unbeaten.

Mike Blake, 174, demolished Byron Young, 172, in the second.

Marty Garelich, 145, put on an exciting exhibition with Sultan Suladin.
(4-04-81)

RUDY R. GONZALES

ILLINOIS

▲ **CHICAGO—Conrad Hilton Hotel—**Back-to-back losses to Alan Minter in 1980 gave former middleweight champion Vito Antuofermo enough doubts to contemplate retirement. Surgery on his eyebrows and a long rest restored enough confidence for him to return to the ring—and try and erase those doubts.

That led to Chicago and the Conrad Hilton for a test against journeyman Mauricio Aldana. With a live crowd of 2,000 and a national television audience watching on ESPN's cable network, Vito survived two first round knockdowns and his customary host of cuts to win a unanimous decision after 10.

Despite the rocky beginning and his failure to drop overmatched Aldana, Antuofermo may have taken a big step toward a title match with Marvin Hagler. Referee Stanley Berg scored the contest 48-40, judge Curtis Brown had it 46-43, and judge Gerald Hults carded 48-42.

Aldana, of Los Angeles, had only two real weapons—an overhand right and his head. He used both to great advantage in the first round, when it looked like Vito's title hopes would be squashed early.

Aldana surprised Vito with a big overhand right in the first minute of the fight and knocked him to one knee. Later in the session, after Aldana had used a butt to open up a cut on Antuofermo's forehead, he again dropped Vito with a right and a left hook.

The former champ, who now lives on Long Island, New York, weathered that storm and cuts on his cheek, left eyebrow, and the top of his head—all caused by butts. Aldana was penalized a point in the seventh round by Berg for deliberate butting.

Despite the steady flow of blood, Antuofermo took control of the fight in the third round and dominated the action for the rest of the contest. He bulled his way inside and did damage to his opponent's head and body. By the later rounds, Aldana was tired and wild with his punches. Antuofermo remained strong.

Vito was moderately pleased with his performance afterwards. "I was rusty, that's for sure," he said. "And he (Aldana) sure used his head a lot—as a weapon. But I won, and I want to go on and win the title back. I think I can do it."

The surgery on the bones over his eyebrows was designed to avoid cuts over the eyes, but the jury is still out on the results. Vito's cuts were largely away from the eyes, but one small one did open up over the left eyebrow. Another tune-up fight before a title bout might provide some clues to the success of the surgery.

A young lightweight, Ray (Boom Boom) Mancini, made his midwest and national television debut on the card with an impressive unanimous decision over former Canadian champ Al Ford.

Mancini, of Youngstown, Ohio, dominated virtually every round, pressuring Ford around the ring. He used a body attack to slow Ford down early, and floored the veteran in the fourth round. Referee Brian O'Shea almost stopped the fight, as Mancini battered Ford throughout the round.

Ford, of Edmonton, Alberta, rallied back at some points, and was never floored again. Mancini, however, pressed the 32-year-old veteran, and won an easy decision.

Mancini's manager, David Wolf, said the 20-year-old Ray is on schedule in his quest for a shot at the lightweight title. "We think he's ready for top contenders right now, but we can't get fights. Nobody wants to fight him."

In another important bout, Tony Braxton of Camden, New Jersey won the ESPN junior middle tourney with a unanimous decision over Al Clay of Chicago, 10.

Braxton was the aggressor all the way, and Clay never got his good left jab or counter right hand working. Tony brought the second ESPN title to the Braxton family; his brother Dwight had won the light heavyweight crown.

Promoted by Ernest Terrell in conjunction with Top Rank.
(4-02-81)

AL BERNSTEIN

INDIANA

▲ **INDIANAPOLIS—Market Square Arena—**Sugar Ray Seales traveled 2,450 miles from Tacoma, Washington, to the Hoosier Capitol. His sole purpose was to capture the North American Boxing Federation middleweight title from Indianapolis' Slammin' Sammy NeSmith and he was not to be denied.

Nearly two and a half years ago, Sugar Ray kayoed NeSmith in Seattle, Washington. It took him five rounds. Seales duplicated his previous conquest by knocking out the hard-hitting Hoosier at 1:00 of round five on this spring night in 1981.

NeSmith, who came into the title fight at a trim 155 pounds, had a good first round against the 159 pound Tacoma southpaw. The initial stanza was very brisk, with Sammy landing some vicious body shots.

The second round was fought in the middle of the ring, with both combatants landing some good shots.

NeSmith was stunned early in the third round and forced into the challenger's corner, where he took a savage beating for nearly two minutes. Sammy finally broke out of the corner and landed a couple of blows to his opponent's head, but the bout was stopped by referee Mills Lane because of a split in Seales' left glove. There were 43 seconds left in the round when the delay came. For almost 10 minutes, the fighters sat in their corners while they were fitted with new gloves (NABF rules require both fighters to don new gloves when one is damaged). The remainder of the round saw both fighters scoring well.

During the last minute of round four, Seales again backed his adversary into the corner, pummeling him at will.

The beginning of round five was similar in action to the end of round four. The fight was mercifully brought to a finish when Seales uncoiled a thunderous right hook to NeSmith's jaw, toppling the local favorite to the canvas for the 10-count.

The newly crowned NABF middleweight champion's record is now 59-7-3 with 41 kayoes. The former champion's record is 35-6 with 31 knockouts.

Gary "Ice Man" Guiden, 155½, Muncie, TKO'd Robert Moody, 148½, Columbus, Ohio, at 2:57 of round five. Guiden had control of the contest from the opening bell. Many at ringside thought that Gary could have ended the fight earlier, but wanted a few extra rounds in this tune-up fight. He is scheduled to meet Odell Leonard here in Indianapolis in about a month. Guiden's record goes to 32-5 with 28 kayoes.

Odell Leonare, 160, Palmer Park, Maryland, TKO'd very tough Kenny Heflin, 157¼, Louisville, at 2:59 of round four. This was a pier-six brawl, with both boxers landing some real shots.

Don King, 156, Indianapolis, went to 6-0, all by knockout, with a TKO victory over Bill Doyle, 158¼, Davenport, Iowa, at 1:27 in round one.

Lloyd Taylor, 146½, Palmer Park, TKO'd game Tony Taylor, 146½, Muncie, at 1:17 of round four.

Clyde "Rocky" Mudgett, 196, Indianapolis, won a unanimous eight-round decision over Baker "The Bear" Tinsley, 224, Louisville. The scores were 80-74, 80-74, and 79-76.

Tommy Stevenson, 192, Indianapolis, remained undefeated with a knockout over Jimmy Hearn, 182½, Omaha, Nebraska, at 2:05 of the initial round.

Lamont Kirkland, 179¼, Omaha, TKO'd Darnell Hayes, 172½, Columbus, Ohio, at 2:02 of round two. Hayes was knocked down three times to cause the automatic stoppage.

Al "Bud" Diss' corporation, Champion Sports, Inc., of Oregon, promoted the card with the assistance of Indiana promoter Fred Berns. Pete Susens was the matchmaker.

Attendance—1,323. Gross—$18.000 (est.).
(3-31-81)

GARY L. MERRITT

KENTUCKY

▲ **OWENSBORO —** The Owensboro Professional Boxing Team made their debut at the Owensboro Sportscenter under the promotion of Steve Canton. The team won all but one of the fights on the card before 1,500 boxing fans, and Canton plans a card in Owensboro every two months.

Fred "The Hammer" Hamberg, 215, won the co-feature as "Big" Jim Higginson, 230, Evansville, Ind. (0-3) was unable to come out for the second round. This was the first bout for the Owensboro heavyweight, who is a former lineman at the University of Kentucky and a local Toughman Contest winner.

Larry McCall, 158, Cincinnati, stopped Billy White, 161, Memphis (10-4) in the other co-feature. After being down three times, White was counted out in the second.

Larry's brother Jeff, 158, defeated Johnny Norton, 162, Memphis, when Norton's corner threw in the towel late in the first round after Johnny had been knocked down twice.

"Wild Wil" Wilson, 175, Bowling Green, Ky. (2-0), another local Strongman star, knocked out Tony Cordera, Chicago, 168, in the first.

Charles Price, 174, Evansville, decisioned Kevin Hilson, also 174, Evansville, in a close fight, the first for both men.

The only loss for the Owensboro Pro Boxing Team came when Mike Greer, 205, Memphis, (8-0-1) knocked out Fred "Hit Man" Miller, 220, Bowling Green (0-1) in the second round. Miller, another local Strongman favorite, was overmatched with the more experienced Greer.

C.B. EMBRY, JR.

MICHIGAN

▲ **DETROIT—Northwest Activities Center—**In the main event of a night of boxing presented by the Detroit Professional Boxing Club, Detroit heavyweight Young Louis, not to be confused with cruiserweight Young Joe Louis, won his seventh fight without a loss by stopping veteran Mel Hosey of Cincinnati, in the third round, 2:43, with a technical knockout. This was a test bout for Louis, against a seasoned veteran, and he turned in a good performance, dropping Hosey twice in the third before the bout was stopped. His next outing will be his first 10-rounder, against Frank Brown.

Two other heavyweight bouts on the card had Jim Olszewski scoring a two-round knockout over Steve Brockman, Cincinnati, and Tony Anthony of Detroit winning his pro debut over Hubert Adams of Cincinnati. Olszewski, from Wyandotte, is now 5-1.

Ricky Hills, 141, Detroit, won his second bout in a row with a four-round decision over Jerry Strictland, Cincinnati.

Detroit middleweight Bob West made his pro debut with a one-sided three-round knockout over Jeffery Monday, Cincinnati.

In a six-round light heavyweight bout, Billy Hollis, Pontiac, Mich., won a solid decision over W.C. Hunnicut. Hunnicut came out strong in the first round and then ran completely out of gas. Hollis knocked him down in the third and had him in trouble for the rest of the bout.

This was a loosely run night of boxing, and I'm going to say that it was a shaky production and let it go at that—for two reasons. The first is that I realize it was a small independent production and the second is that it brought out more local fighters for the local area to see.

Referee—Hugh Smither, Tom Briscoe.

Judges—Barbara Cruz, Chuck McHenry, Randy Ericson.

Promoter—Taylor Smith, Detroit Professional Boxing Club.
(3-21-81)

▲ **DETROIT—Cobo Hall—**William "Captain Caveman" Lee,WBA #10 middleweight, headlined this month's Kronk boxing card. Caveman Lee, formerly of Philadelphia, is now a Detroit resident and successfully fighting on the Kronk Boxing Team since spring of 1980. Lee took on Ft. Lauderdale's Costello King in the main event. It was an easy fight for the Caveman, who ran his record to 16-2 with a three-round knockout over King, 23-7-1. King was intimidated from the opening round, dropped by a right at the bell in the second, and finished off by a left in the third.

Kronk junior welterweight Darrell "TNT" Chambers scored his second straight knockout, stopping Abdul Farakham, 2-3, on cuts in the second round.

Michigan junior middleweight champion David Braxton, 12-1, won an impressive TKO at 2:44 of the first round by burying "Sweet" Charley Peterson, 15-5, under an avalanche of punches. Peterson, a southpaw out of Muncie, Indiana, never stood a chance. Braxton, who had not fought in 14 months until his recent controversial bout with Duane Thomas, is looking better now that he is seeing more action.

Light heavyweight Rick Jester moved his record to 9-2 with a solid win over Frank Draper, 6-2, Toledo. A solid left and straight right sent Draper down for the count at 0:38 of the second round.

In the Detroit Kronk premiere of welterweight Johnny Compo, he won an unanimous eight-round decision over Detroit's Earl Stringer despite a cut over his left eye opened by an accidental butt.

It was a small audience, but that was understandable because of the accidental injuries that changed the card. Milton McCrory, who was to be headlined, injured a finger playing basketball and Duane Thomas was hurt training in the gym. Danny Paul refused to fight because of a contract problem and will probably feel the repercussions of that move.

All Star Boxing Promotion: John Yopp, promoter. Yopp has also assured the fans that, even with the incoming ESPN shows, All-Star Boxing will continue with its Kronk Boxing Cards.
(3-26-81)

DAVE HARTOON

MASSACHUSETTS

▲ **DORCHESTER—Strand Theatre—**Joe (T.N.T.) Tiberi, 159, Vineland, New Jersey, won a majority decision over Feliciano (Tough Fellow) Cintron, 154, Dorchester, 10. Scoring: referee Bill Connelly, 97-95; judge Donald O'Neill, 97-96; judge Vincent Lee, 97-97.

Jose Antonetti, 129, New York, and Manuel Dearce, 133, Hartford, Conn., drew, four. Referee Connelly scored it 40-38, Antonetti, but both judges carded 39-39. Antonetti is now 6-0-1.

Felix Nance, 144, Norwich, Conn., won a split decision over Chi Chi Hernandez, 148, Hartford, four.

Gil DeJesus, 126, New York, stopped Eduardo Lupo, also 126, Lowell, Mass., in the first round of their scheduled four-rounder. Referee Nick Preveti stepped in at 1:38 of the session.

Fred Mejia, Bronx, stopped Bobby (Voodoo Man) Brown, Providence, at 2:27 of the second in a scheduled four-round welter scrap.

Promoter—Conrad (Ace) Jaresky.

MICHAEL COUTURE

MICHIGAN

▲ **DETROIT—Cobo Hall—**The Southeastern Michigan Toughman Contest, while providing some people with entertainment, did provide the boxing fans with two professional bouts, one on each day of the two-day contest.

The first night (February 27, 1981) had a light heavyweight bout, with Bay City's undefeated Felton Wood, with a record of 12-0, earning his 13 straight win with a one-round knockout over Stanley Scott, 9-3, of Cleveland.

The heavyweight bout, on February 28, was the much ballyhooded rematching of Novi's Biff Humphrey and Mike "The Giant" White, of Saginaw. Only four months ago, these two Michiganians met to decide the World Toughman Championship and White walked away the winner. Now both had turned professional, both had records of 1-0, and they were going head to head again. The reuslts turned out to be the same. White, standing 7' tall, was a foot taller and over 100 pounds heavier than his oponent. White handed out a terrific pounding, but was unable to stop the charging Humphrey and went on to win a six-round decision.

▲ **WYANDOTTE—Yack Arena—**The Spirit of Sports, Inc., promoted an excellent and entertaining night of boxing that, unfortunately, opened on a sad note. The announcer had to tell the crowd that Bill Dougherty had passed away that very morning. The all-pro card was for the benefit of the Bill Dougherty Cancer Benefit Fund.

There were two main events scheduled on the nine-bout card, one of which, featuring heavyweights Keith Kelly, 10-1, of Monroe, Michigan, and Jack Miller, 12-2, of Omaha, Nebraska, was cancelled when the ring doctors ruled that Miller was physically unfit to box.

Friday the 13th proved to be a very good day for excellent middleweight prospect Bernard "Superbad" Mays, who notched his 13th straight win by stopping Morris Jordan, Cincinnati, in round six. Mays dropped Jordan twice in the third and had him hurt and bleeding when he returned to his corner at the end of the sixth. Morris did not answer the bell for the sixth.

Detroit middleweight Leslie "Sweet Lemonade" Gardner ran his road to 18-1 with an eight-round decision over rugged Garland Tipton, Louisville.

Andre Wynn, the classy young Detroit welter, pounded out a solid six-round points win over outclassed Jerry Strickland, Cincinnati. Wynn, who is now 7-1, won every round.

Earl Stringer, Detroit, TKO'd Joe Lile, Taylor, Michigan, in the sixth and last round of their welter rematch. Lile had won their previous bout on cuts and was unbeaten. He seemed to be ahead of his fight, too, until he walked into a right that floored him for the first time in his pro career in the sixth session. Stringer moved in for the kill and dropped Lile two more times before the referee stopped the bout at 2:30 of the round. Lile's record is now 5-1.

Mike Saccitti, 8-1, of Fairmont, West Virginia, put on a stylish display of boxing to take a six-round verdict over Slick Benny Mitchell, 13-6, of Columbus, Ohio. Saccitti's only loss is an eight-round dedision to Bernard "Superbad" Mays. Mike's planning on more fights in the Detroit area.

Lem McLittle, Detroit, decked Don Thurman, 3-2, of Trenton, Michigan, in the second round and won on points, six rounds, light heavyweights. McLittle is now 8-0.

Jim Olszewski, 4-1, had little trouble stopping Omar Rodrigues, 8-7, of Jamaica, heavyweights. The TKO came at 0:47 of round two. Olszewski, of Wyandotte, Michigan, knocked Rodriguez down once in the first and once more in the second.

The opening bout featured the professional debut of Detroit lightweight Ricky Hill, an aggressive young fighter who'd compiled a 67-3 log in the amateurs. Hill came back from a second round knockdown to win a unanimous decision over fellow Detroit fighter LeVant Williams, 5-8, four rounds.

A good crowd of from 2,500 to 3,000 crowded into the Arena for the excellent boxing program.

Referee—Robert Watson and Joe Cruz.

Judges—Jack Moriarity, J. Badalow, and Stuart Kirkcheubaum.

Timekeepers—L. Bruson and M. Kuzemka.

Doctors—Cristi and Poopat.

Inspector—Jim Cullen.
(3-13-81)

▲ **LANSING—**The Kronk Boxing Team, led by middleweight Mickey Goodwin and lightweight Davey Armstrong, carried off a successful assault on the Michigan state capital on Friday the 13th.

Goodwin, the WBA's eight-ranked middle, pounded out a unanimous decision over Eddie Straight, Chicago, Ill. Mickey is now 27-1. Eddie is 7-8.

Davey Lee Armstong, 11-1, won a unanimous decision over Tom Crowley, Iowa, in the co-feature.

Jimmy Paul, brother of Denny "Mad Dog" Paul, brought his record to 3-0 by dropping the game Clinton Harris, Windsor, twice in the fourth round. The referee stepped in at 2:56 of the session.

Lanny "Blue" Edmond, 6-1, TKO'd C.B. Brown at 1:26 of the third round, middleweights. Edmonds decked Brown thrice.

Kronk welterweight Darrell Chambers made his professional debut by stopping Raoul Hernandez at 1:15 of the first round. Chambers won by TKO after decking Hernandez, of Chicago, with a stunning left Hook.

Two young lightweights, Lionel Johnson and Alfred Taylor, faced each other in what was, for both, a pro debut, with Johnson winning via two-round TKO.

Then WBA lightweight champion boxed a four-round exhibition with Dujuan Johnson, the WBA's ninth ranked junior welter. It was a good workout, and Hilmer did not have any trouble with his legs.
(3-13-81)

▲ **DETROIT—Cobo Hall—**One has to wonder if all local media in the area is geared strictly toward Kronk boxing! Now don't get me wrong, I think Kronk has some excellent boxers, has put on some good programs for the most part, and has done a great job in bringing boxing back to prominence in this area. But there is still a great wealth of good boxers in the area who don't seem to get any publicity.

The reason I bring this up is that Simone Promotions put on their second card in this area. It was a very good one, and there was a ridiculously small crowd on hand. The only publicity they got were the ads they placed in the papers and the flyers they put out. Even on the date of the fight itself, there was no mention of it on the local sports shows, on television or radio, nor even in the newspapers. It does make one wonder.

Middleweight sensation Bernard "Superbad" Mays headlined the card in his second fight in less than a week. Joe Tiberi, who he was supposed to meet, had been injured earlier in the week by a low blow and their bout has been rescheduled for next month. The manager of Tiberi brought in another of his better middleweights to fill in, Michael "Hurricane" Herron, with a record of 15-6.

With the exception of a strong sixth round by Herron, Mays turned in another excellent performance by pounding out a solid 10-round unanimous decision. Mays is now 14-0 and looking better all the time.

In another middleweight bout, this one a four-rounder, Obi "The Exterminator" Eddy raised his record ot 4-1 with a four-round decision over Lamont Hopkins, 1-7, of Flint, Michigan. Hopkins, surprisingly, is a much better fighter than his record indicates.

Another very good looking welterweight from Detroit, Jerome Kinney, brought his record up to 10-0 with a one-sided six-round decision over a dancing machine from Columbus, Ohio by the name of Robert Moody. Moody is now 3-3.

The "Mother city Bomber," welterweight Andre Wynn, 8-1, came out looking to put Willie Hodge of Columbus, Ohio, away and the Detroiter did just that. Wynn dropped him with a left hook in the second and then put him down two more times in the fourth before the referee stopped the bout at 2:04 of the round.

Detroit middleweight Leslie "Sweet Lemonade" Gardner had lost only one bout in his professional career and that was to Bay City's Sammy "King" Floyd. The two of them came together again in a 10-round rematch. The bad blood between the two showed early when, in the first round, Floyd hooked his foot around Gardner's leg and threw him to the canvas. I had Floyd slightly ahead going into the fifth round but Gardner came back strong and was winning the round when their heads collided. A very bad gash was opened on Floyd's face and the bout was stopped. Gardner was awarded a fifth round technical knockout which brought his record to 19-1.

In a light heavyweight bout, Lem McLittle ran his undefeated streak to 10-0 with an eight-round decision over Willie Crawford of Colombus, Ohio. McLittle is not a spectacular fighter. He is what we use to call an outside fighter—one who stays outside, throws long single jabs, and very seldom moves in—the kind that seems boring to watch and seems to be doing very little, but scores points and, at the end of the fight, is an obvious winner.

In the final bout of the evening, Sam Gervin, 7-2, of Columbus Ohio, roundhoused his way to a six-round upset decision over Detroit's Marty "The Eliminator" Eddy. This was Marty's first loss, he's 4-1 and is the brother of Obi Eddy.
(3-19-81)

DAVE HARTOON

NEW JERSEY

▲ **ATLANTIC CITY—Caesars Boardwalk Regency—**If it's possible to win every round, score three knockdowns and still look lousy, then Rocky Lockridge did just that retaining his New Jersey featherweight belt with a 12-round decision over a skinny kid named Luis Edwin Rivera.

The Jersey title is not exactly the biggest deal in boxing, but that's not the point. Lockridge is a world-rated contender and he's supposed to blast prelim fighters like Rivera out pronto. He didn't. A boxer of Rocky's stature is not supposed to let a hurt opponent off the hook. He did, not once, but three times.

Lockridge is best known for falling just a little bit short in his bid to take the WBA crown from Eusebio Pedroza last year. At that time, he started fast, only to fade down the stretch. A crafty campaigner like Pedroza was able to take advantage of Rocky's lack of experience and pull out a close win.

Lockridge needs toughening fights against top liners so that he'll be ready when he challenges next time. Since his loss to Pedroza (the lone defeat in 20 pro bouts), Lockridge has prepared for such a moment by fighting such household names as Benny Marquez, Ernesto Gonzalez, and now Rivera. Hardly stern stuff.

The 20-year-old Rivera did Hoboken proud by lasting the full 12 rounds. His most recent outing had been a six-rounder. He's got great legs and a lot of heart. He didn't do much punching, though—just a lot of defensive movement.

Lockridge, 125½, worked at a steady rate, trying to cut the ring down and trap Rivera on the ropes. He sent Rivera down in the fourth, 5th, and 10th rounds, his overhand right to the side of the head doing most of the damage. Each time, Rivera 126, boxed his way to safety.

There seemed to be a lack of enthusiasm about Rocky's work. A lot of his punches were placed rather than thrown. Everybody can have an off night, but maybe what Lockridge needs is an occasion to rise to. He didn't have one in Rivera.

All three official scores were for Rocky, 12-0. Enough said.

In another scheduled 12-rounder, undefeated Diego Rosario stopped Fernando Martinez in 2:05 of the ninth for the vacant New Jersey bantamweight title.

Martinez, who came into the ring wearing a cowboy hat, tried hard but was too unskilled to cope with the combinations of Rosario.

Rosario started slowly and gradually built up momentum. He had Martinez bloody and reeling when referee Joe O'Neil stepped in.

Both men are from Paterson, New Jersey and both weighed an even 118.

Two preliminary bouts: Rich Cialella, 160¾, Turnersville, N.J., TKO'd Steve Richardson, 156, Trenton, N.J., at 1:01 of the fourth, and Mike Sacchetti, 161, Fairmont, West Virginia, decisioned Rick Hamlish, 159, Belleville, N.J., over six.

Referees—Joe O'Neil, Ronnie Burns.

Promoter—Lou Duva.

Judges—Bill Carrozza and Milo Savage.

NIGEL COLLINS

▲ **TOTOWA—Ice World—**Curtis Harris, 139½, Paterson, New Jersey, won the National ESPN TV lightweight title with a devastating one punch knockout over Ken Saale, 136, St. Charles, Missouri.

The punch, a right, dropped Saale for an eight count. Ken was wobbly as he arose, and the ref called matters off at 2:39 of the first round. Harris is now 12-1 with eight kayoes.

Alex Ramos, 162½, Bronx, New York, was forced to go the distance for the second time in his career against Bill Tuttle, 167, Bowie, Maryland. Alex pitched a shutout on my scorecard, but some rounds were awfully close. The eight-round decision stretched the Ramos record to 7-0.

Guy (The Rock) Casale, 204, Newark, TKO'd Rocky Ray James, 186, Dover, New Hampshire, at 2:15 of the fourth. Casale is now 12-2.

Don Nisivoccia, 116, Newark, TKO'd Glen Richardson, also 116, Newark, at 2:12 of the third round. Andy Riccardi, 152, Cliffside Park, N.J., outscored Harry Reyes, also 152, Hoboken, N.J., four. Riccardi is still undefeated. Mark Medel, 157½, Jersey City, TKO'd Fernando Collazo, 160, Lawrence, Mass., at 1:41 of the first round. Livingston Bramble, 135, Passaic, N.J., TKO'd Andre Cain, 136½, Bronx, at 2:55 of the second.

Referees—Milo Savage, Vincent Rainone.

Judges—Bill Newman, Paul Cavalier.
(4-16-81)

S.M. FELDMAN

NEW YORK

▲ **NEW YORK CITY—Felt Forum—**Juan LaPorte, 129½, Brooklyn, TKO'd Fernando Ortiz, 129, Santo Domingo, D.R., at 1:07 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10-rounder. But there's

UNITED STATES RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Greg Page (Kentucky)
1. Gerry Cooney (New York)
2. Michael Dokes (Ohio)
3. Leon Spinks (Missouri)
4. John Tate (Tennessee)
5. James Tillis (Illinois)
6. Ken Norton (California)
7. Tim Witherspoon (Pennsylvania)
8. Marty Monroe (California)
9. Renaldo Snipes (New York)
10. Stan Ward (California)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Wilfred Benitez (Puerto Rico)
1. Pete Ranzany (California)
2. Randy Shields (California)
3. Adolfo Viruet (New Jersey)
4. Bruce Finch (Nevada)
5. Clint Jackson (Tennessee)
6. Babs McCarthy (California)
7. Milton McCrory (Michigan)
8. Pepe Dominguez (California)
9. Greg Stephens (California)
10. Manuel Jiminez (Puerto Rico)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Ruben Castillo (California)
1. Rocky Lockridge (New Jersey)
2. Juan LaPorte (New York)
3. Alberto Collazo (Pennsylvania)
4. Noel Arriesgado (Hawaii)
5. Jose Caba (California)
6. Juan (Kid) Meza (California)
7. Abdul Bey (Hawaii)
8. Rocky Garcia (California)
9. Freddie Roach (Arizona)
10. Warren Matthews (Louisiana)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Jerry Martin (Pennsylvania)
1. Michael Spinks (Missouri)
2. James Scott (New Jersey)
3. Carlos DeLeon (Puerto Rico)
4. Marvin Johnson (Indiana)
5. Marvin Camel (Montana)
6. Mike Rossman (New Jersey)
7. Murray Sutherland (Michigan)
8. Bashiru Ali (California)
9. Yaqui Lopez (California)
10. Dwight Braxton (Pennsylvania)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Leroy Haley (Nevada)
1. Bruce Curry (Texas)
2. Monroe Brooks (California)
3. Willie Rodriguez (Pennsylvania)
4. Domingo Ayala (Puerto Rico)
5. Sal Lopez (California)
6. Dujuan Johnson (Michigan)
7. Mark Ibanez (Hawaii)
8. Johnny Bumphus (Tennessee)
9. Termite Watkins (Texas)
10. Billy Costello (New York)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Mike Ayala (New York)
1. Nicky Perez (Arizona)
2. Carmelo Negron (New York)
3. Edwin Rosario (Puerto Rico)
4. Jaime Garza (California)
5. Derrik Holmes (Maryland)
6. Sergio Castro (California)
7. Frankie Duarte (California)
8. Javier Flores (Utah)
9. Richard Savala (California)
10. Melvin Johnson (California)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Vito Antuofermo (New York)
2. Wilford Scypion (New York)
3. Curtis Parker (Pennsylvania)
4. Frank Fletcher (Pennsylvania)
5. Ray Seales (Washington)
6. Robbie Epps (Nevada)
7. Dwight Davison (Michigan)
8. Ernie Singletary (Pennsylvania)
9. Vinnie Curto (Massachusettes)
10. Ronnie Harris (Ohio)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Howard Davis, Jr. (New York)
1. Hilmer Kenty (Michigan)
2. Edwin Viruet (Puerto Rico)
3. Jorge Morales (Puerto Rico)
4. Herman Montes (California)
5. Gonzallo Montellano (California)
6. Curtis Harris (New Jersey)
7. Ray Mancini (Ohio)
8. Roberto Elizondo (Texas)
9. Andy Ganigan (Hawaii)
10. Frank Newton (Oklahoma)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Johnny Carter (Pennsylvania)
1. Alberto Davila (California)
2. Julian Solis (Puerto Rico)
3. Oscar Muniz (California)
4. Andres Hernandez (Puerto Rico)
5. Fred Jackson (Texas)
6. Mario Chavez (California)
7. George Garcia (California)
8. Ricardo Varela (California)
9. David Capo (Puerto Rico)
10. Ruben Solario (Puerto Rico)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Rocky Mosley (Nevada)
1. Tyrone Rackley (Arizona)
2. Nino Gonzalez (New Jersey)
3. Jerry Cheatham (Arizona)
4. Steve Delgado (Arizona)
5. Tony Ayala, Jr. (Texas)
6. Odell Leonard (Maryland)
7. Zeferino Gonzalez (California)
8. Nick Ortiz (Puerto Rico)
9. Tony Chiaverini (Missouri)
10. Mario Maldonado (New Jersey)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
John Verderosa (New York)
1. Bobby Chacon (California)
2. Frankie Baltazar (California)
3. Johnny Sato (California)
4. Greg Coverson (Michigan)
5. Ralph Aviles (Hawaii)
6. Gerald Hayes (New Jersey)
7. Enrique Solis (Puerto Rico)
8. Robert Mullens (South Carolina)
9. James Martinez (Texas)
10. Hector Cortez (California)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Willie Jensen (Nevada)
1. Joey Olivo (California)
2. Orlando Maldonado (Puerto Rico)
3. Jose Torres (Arizona)
4. Javier Mendoza (California)
5. Julio Rodriquez (Hawaii)
6. Mike Stuart (California)
7. Norberto Castellano (Texas)
8. Jerome Coffee (Tennessee)
9. Felix Castillo (Texas)
10. Alberto Mercado (Arizona)

Larry Holmes (Pa.), world heavyweight champion; Mike Weaver (Calif.), WBA heavyweight champion; Matthew Saad Muhammad (Pa.), world light heavyweight champion; Eddie Mustafa Muhammad (N.Y.), WBA light heavyweight champion; Marvin Hagler (Mass.), world middleweight champion; Ray Leonard (Md.), world welterweight champion; Thomas Hearns (Mich.), WBA welterweight champion; Aaron Pryor (Ohio), world junior welterweight champion; Saoul Mamby (N.Y.), WBC junior welterweight champion; Sean O'Grady (Oklahoma), WBA lightweight champion; Samuel Serrano (Puerto Rico), WBA junior lightweight champion; Wilfredo Gomez (P.R.), world junior featherweight champion; Jeff Chandler (Pa.), world bantamweight champion.

more to the story than that, and none of it would appear to speak well for the Felt Forum or the officials of the New York State Athletic Commission.

A bad cut near Juan's eye appeared in round two—on the same spot that had been cut in his title bout with world champ Salvador Sanchez. It looked serious, but referee John LoBianco resisted the temptation to stop the contest. Finally, in round six, LaPorte stunned and hurt Ortiz with a nice right. Juan, who'd opened up a tremendous flurry in the first round but had never succeeded in rocking the tough Fernando, now let loose with everything he had. Ortiz, though, refused to go down, and he was weathering the barrage without really being hurt when LoBianco stopped the fight. Was someone protecting Juan LaPorte?

The 10-round co-featue saw Edwin Rosario, 128, San Juan. P.R., halt Tony Tris, also 128, Santo Domingo, at the end of four. This fight, too, deserves a question mark. Tris was announced as "undefeated," and his record was listed on the press sheet as 28-0 with seven kayoes. Other sources, however, say his true log is a little different—something like 15-10. One is forced to wonder what the hell is going on.

Six-rounders: Marvis Frazier, 203, Philadelhia, returned to action after six months and won a unanimous decision over Melvin Epps, 184, New York. Pipino Oquendo, 130, Brooklyn, won a unanimous decision over Manolin Jiminez, also 130, Santo Domingo. Alberto Mercado, won a unanimous decision over Herbert Ingram, 125, Newark, N.J. Pedro Vilella, 146½, New York, halted Mike Alvarez, 149, San Juan, who failed to answer the bell for round four.

Four-rounders: "Irish" Jimmy McGovern, 156, Astoria, Queens, delighted his neighborhood pals by stopping Charlie (Dude Rock) Young, 160, Newark, at 2:21 of the first. Walter Saxton, 178, Newark, and Merling Castellanos, 177½, White Plains, N.Y., drew. Roland Cooney, 127½, Philadelphia (the Frazier stable), won a majority decision over fellow southpaw Tim Daniels, 127, Trenton, in the opener.

Herb Kronowitz refereed Rosario-Tris, Oquendo-Jiminez, and Saxton-Castellanos. Vinnie Ferguson handled Frazier-Epps, Mercado-Ingram, Vilella-Alvarez, and McGovern-Young. John LoBianco worked LaPorte-Ortz and Cooley-Daniels.

Judges—Al Reid, Leo Dazzo.
Timekeeper—Fred Abbatiello.
Attendance—3,615. Gross—$38,843.
(4-10-81) HERBERT G. GOLDMAN

▲ BROOKLYN—Prospect Hall—This is the sort of place it takes an Indian guide to find and a can of bug spray to tolerate. But, with fight arenas very scarce in the Five Boroughs area, one must make do. And only the local boys or the never-heard-of-'ems will deign to fight in such a godforsaken location.

It wasn't so godforsaken that a big neighborhood crowd of 500 or so could't turn out. But there was no security force to check at least two major brawls that broke out among the spectators, and, seemingly, no strict action by commission officials to prevent three grievious mismatches in three co-feature eight-round bouts. This was the second in a series of monthly cards promoted here by Cha Cha Garcia. The first one had to have been better.

Louis Hubela, 134, Brooklyn, TKO'd Jose Figueroa, 130, New York, who failed to come out for round three. Figueroa was warned several times in the first round by ref Paul Venti to stop bobbing his hands and start fighting. Hubela landed some head blows in the second—nothing to write home about—and Figueroa quit in his corner after the bell for the third frame had sounded, claiming a mysterious pain in his ribs and/or stomach. None of the ring officials who examined Jose in his corner could explain the injury, and Figueroa was seen by this reporter chatting with friends in the audience in a lively, animated manner two or three minutes later. Roberto Duran is a good teacher.

At least that was better than the bout between George Nina, 140, Paterson, N.J., and faded world ranked contender Ruby (The Snake) Ortiz, also 140, Brooklyn. The Ortiz-Nina contest went through eight full rounds of boredom, most of it resulting from the clowning, holding tatics of Nina. A fight broke out in the crowd between rounds two and three, and it was better fought than the one in the ring. Oritz staggered Nina with two right hands to the body in the fifth round for the only real action. Ruby got the nod, but he's gone b-a-c-k! This fight was held in Brooklyn, but it got the Bronx cheer.

The other scheduled eight saw Manuel Melon, 160, Brooklyn, knock Ralph Bell, also 160, Philadelphia, out with a brutal right to the temple in 0:36 of the first. Bell was brought around by oxygen after a very scary vigil. No more of these gross mismatches, please.

Mark Cerenzia, 130, Brooklyn, TKO'd Richard Garland, 134, Newark, at 2:18 of the first round. A straight right floored Garland for an eight-count, and he was just too dazed to continue.

Danny Pearson, 150, Brooklyn, and Carl Wilson, also 150, Brooklyn, drew, four. This was a dull, mauling bout, with Wilson landing a few sleeping lefts hooks to the head for a slight edge. At one point, between rounds, somebody in Wilson's corner got sore at him for not following instructions and gave him a hard slap in the face.

Kato Wilson, 135, Brooklyn, won a split decision over Alberto Garcia, also 135, White Plains, four. Garcia had the edge on this reporter's card.

Jorge Vasquez, 131, New York, and Jose Cheo Ortiz, also 131, Puerto Rico, drew, six. Ortiz, coming out of retirement—and off a long losing streak-showed courage under fire. That was always his trademark, and the bout was action packed from start to finish.

But on the whole, I'd rather have been in Philadelphia, or Altoona, or Forest Lawn.
(4-03-81)
CHARLES D. BROWN

OHIO

▲ COLUMBUS—State Fairgrounds Coliseum—Jeff Jordan, 198, West Columbus, knocked out 6'5" Bob (Silver Bullet) Reese, 215, Cincinnati, with a left hook-overhand right combination in 2:00 of the first round in a scheduled eight. Jordan is now 5-0—all knockouts.

Tom (Jingles) Moody, 143, Columbus, a southpaw, kayoed Andre Williams, 144, Bay City, Michigan, with a beautiful left hook to the jaw in the fifth round of a scheduled six.

Mike (The Giant) White, Columbus, is being touted as a fighter who is 7' tall and weighs over 300 pounds. He's actually 6'9" and weighs in the neighborhood of 240. On this show, he knocked out crosstown rival "Big" Porky Speakman, 220, in the second with a left that sent his rival through the ropes and on to the judge's table. The bout, a rematch (White had halted Speakman in the first round in their first encounter), had been scheduled for four.

John L. Sullivan, 178, South Columbus, struggled to pull out a four-round verdict over Donnie Townsend, 180, North Columbus. Both men have a lot of heart.

Referees—Larry Bentley, Roy Houpe, Tom Hampton.
Judges—Sam Lowenthal, Frank Reda, Tom Keyes.
Commissioner—Ben Cowall.
Promoter—Art Dore.
Attendance—4,300.

▲ NOTES—The State Legislature has just passed a bill into the State Senate that will establish a state boxing commission. This would do away with the present system of local boxing commissions. The state commission would be funded by taxes taken from the proceeds of professional shows.
DAN O'MALLEY

PENNSYLVANIA

▲ BENSALEM — Neil Armstrong Middle School — The Judge Brothers had a good thing going for a little while. Big brother Jerry (the ex-pug) promoted and little brother Kerry fought. Kerry won, their friends and neighbours went home happy, and the Judge Brothers made a few bucks. Then disaster struck in the form of Brooklyn heavyweight Melvin Epps. He knocked poor Kerry kicking in the very first round.

Epps turned the trick with a long right to the noggin that some say you could see coming up the Jersey Turnpike. Epps was, of course, a late sub. Such is boxing.

The time of the knockout—1:03 of the first. Judge came in at 190, Epps at 210.

Six prelims made up the rest of the card.

Richard Seger, 240, Blackwood, N.J. TKO'd Pat Mason, Levittown, Pa., in two.

George Burton, 143, Baltimore, Md., decisioned Robert Johnson, 136, Atlantic City, four.

Tony Pezzano, 130, outpointed Jack Coulter, 130, over four action rounds in the best fight of the night. The winner is from Blackwood; Coulter is from Queens.

Mario Tiberi, 165, Vineland, N.J. TKO'd Charley Young, Newark, N.J. in 2:59 of the first. Mario is the brother of middleweight Joe.

Jose Pena, 135½, Dominican Republic, TKO'd Cloudell Hart, 136, Atlantic City, at 1:25 of the first.

Mario De La Rosa, 138, Dominican Republic, TKO'd vet Danny Daniels, 135, Newark, N.J., in the third.

The Judge Brothers' future plans are, to say the least, uncertain at this time.
(3-21-81)

▲ PHILADELPHIA — Golden Eagle Caterers — Promoter Barry McCall resurfaced following a three-year absence to present a five-bout card in the northeast section of the city. Barry is the son of veteran trainer Quinzel McCall and the nephew of former boxing commissioner Howard McCall, now matchmaker for the rival Impact Promotions.

The show was plagued with last-minute pullouts and the matches were still being put together as the crowd streamed through the door. This resulted in a series of fights that ranged from fair to poor. The customers, who shelled out $10 a pop, seemed pleased never-the-less.

In the so-called main event, local Willie Torres, 172, disposed of late sub "Big" Bob Brown, 170, in 2:36 of the second round in a scheduled eight.

"Big Bob," who admitted to 34 years of age but could very well have had his numbers reversed, took a pasting without going down. It was up to referee Joe O'Neil to rescue him, much to the relief of all concerned. Brown fights, if that's the word, out of New York City.

Richard Nixon, 153, Phila. (this guy should definitely find himself a ringname; you should have heard the laughs when he was introduced), outpointed "Baby" Joe Bradford, 155, Phila., six.

Richard McCann, 135, edged fellow Philadelphian Jack Moore, also 135, in another six. The fans thought Moore should have got the nod and responded to the reading of the scores with a round of boos.

In the best fight of a shabby evening, Angel Cales, 131, drew over four with Freddy Reyes, announced at 132 but looking much bigger, in another all-Philly match. Reyes had the better punch, but Cales produced a greater number of blows and appeared to have the edge.

Philly's Sterling Quick, 160, scored a TKO over Chauncey Campbell, 160, in 1:16 of the first. This was a real piece of trash. Campbell went down without even fielding a single punch.

McCall says he will be back on a regular basis. Let's hope the quality of bouts improves. They can't get much worse.

Referees—Joe O'Neil and Frank Capcino
Judges—Joe Henry, Eddie Woods
Attendance—600 (estimate).
(3-26-81)

NIGEL COLLINS

▲ **SCRANTON — Catholic Youth Center —** Marty Capasso, 209, Aston, Pennsylvania, won a majority decision over Lou Benson, 210, Baltimore, eight.

Capasso, the crowd favorite, couldn't really get off with his jab and combinations. Benson came on in the middle rounds, and wobbled Marty with a right hand in the seventh. Marty, though, was able to recover, and they battled to the wire at the finish.

Scoring: referee Joe Salci, 37-37; judge Frank Adams, 37-35; judge John Castellani, 36-35. Capasso is now 14-0. Benson, who would like another go, is 12-3-1.

Kevin Rooney, 146, Catskill, New York, won a unanimous decision over Frankie Minigan, 145, Rochester, eight. Rooney, the Cus D'Amato protege, was not able to stagger or drop Minigan, but he scored with combinations and shots to the kidney. Frank seemed content to let Kevin make the fight.

Scoring: referee Salci, 40-35; judge Adams, 40-33, judge Castellani, 40-26—all in favor of Rooney. Kevin is now 13-0.

Four-rounders: Mike Adessa, 174, Old Forge, Pa., stopped Tom Bennett, 175, Rochester, at 2:28 of the first round. Joe Salci, referee. Adessa is now 4-0. Gene Vangarelli, 168, Jessup, Pa., made his pro debut by halting Phil DeVito, 167, Atlantic City, at 1:28 of the third. Jon McHale, referee. Mike Castellani, 163, Atlantic City, outscored Jim "Larch" Harrison, 170½. Mike is the son of former middleweight contender Rocky.

Six amateur bouts preceded the professional card.
Minooka Promotions.
Paul Ruddy, pro matchmaker.
Attendance—2,192. Gross—$14,296.
(3-25-81)

JIM LEO

CANADA

QUEBEC

▲ **MONTREAL — Paul Sauve Arena —** Claude Noel, 133½, Trinidad, kayoed Gaetan Hart, 135¼, Quebec, at 1:41 of the third round in the scheduled 10-round main event.

Hart was tagged with hard overhand rights from the opening bell. Noel dropped him in the third and referee Guy Jutras stopped it then and there. Hart was out for two minutes.

Noel picked up a reported $35,000 for the bout, with Hart receiving a reported $10,000. Gaetan, who may be at the end of the line, now has a 46-19-3 record.

Nicky Furlano, 138½, Toronto, won a unanimous decision over Johnny Lira, 140, Chicago, in the 10-round semi-final. Cut near the left optic in the first round, Nicky stayed in close, not giving Johnny punching power. Furlano fought hard in the final three sessions to cop the verdict. The scores were 47-46, 48-45, and 47-46. This was, by far, the best fight of the night.

Mario Cusson, 141, Montreal, stopped Clint Harris, 141, Windsor, at 1:28 of the fourth round in a scheduled eight. The bout was halted by Harris' corner, claiming their fighter had damaged his hand. Harris was taken to a hospital for x-rays, which proved negative. His $1,500 purse was withheld by the Commission.

Jean Paul Petrin, 145¼, won unanimous decision over Steve Robinson, 149¼, Detroit, is a well fought six-round bout.

The Montreal Athletic Commission has handed down a 60-day suspension—and a neurologic report—on Gaetan Hart.
(3-24-81)

FRANK ALLNUTT

MEXICO

BAJA CALIFORNIA

▲ **LA PAZ**—Jose Luis Amador, 134, outpointed Salvador Covarrubias, 135, 10. Manuel Martinez, 117, outscored Abel Vargas, 119, 10. Mauro Gutierrez, 133, iced Abraham Soto, 134, in the first.
(3-20-81)

COHUILA

▲ **MONCLOVA**—Armando (Palitos) Perez, 111, outscored Roberto (Bobby) Ruiz, 112, 10.
(3-21-81)

▲ **MONCLOVA**—Hector (Tito) Rosario, 146, Puerto Rico, decisioned Angel (Toro) Medina, 147, 10. "Charrito" Valderrama, 134, halted Bobby Flores, 133, in the fourth.
(3-28-81)

▲ **TORREON**—Andres (Pantera) Ramirez, 146, and Jose Mireles, also 146, drew, 10.
(3-12-81)

DURANGO

▲ **GOMEZ PALACIO**—Vicente Mijares, 135, outscored Rodrigo (Bufalo) Flores, 135, 10. (Rodrigo is the younger brother of WBA junior flyweight champion Pedro.) Rodolfo Quintero, 111, TKO'd Rocky Mijares, 112, in four.
(3-27-81)

▲ **DURANGO**—Joel (Chato) Segura, 118, outpointed Chilama Serrano, 118, 10.
(4-05-81)

FEDERAL DISTRICT

MEXICO CITY—Felipe (Tigre) Fernandez, 118, and Javier Esquivel, 120, drew, 10. Nacho Rivera, 124, outscored Roberto Martinez, also 124, 10. Gregorio (Goyo) Bonilla, 114, outpointed Felipe Mendoza, also 114, six. Sergio Gonzalez, 145, TKO'd Miguel Herta, 147, in five. Ernesto Gutierrez, 116, TKO'd Domingo Moctezuma, also 116, in two.
(3-11-81)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Juan Paredes, 126, chilled Guillermo (Memo) Vallejo, 125, in the fourth round. Mario (Chapo) Nava, 117, outpointed Pablo Flores, also 117, 10. Ubaldo Ramirez, 126, TKO'd Santos Rodriguez, 127, in one. Salvador Estrada, 116, TKO'd Juan Gomez, 117, in six. Ernest Herrera, 124, halted Beto Ramos, 125, in the second.
(3-14-81)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Jorge Morales, 124, stopped Jaime (Conejo) Casas, 125, in three. Manuel (Rata) Luna, 118, TKO'd Eduardo Torres, 116, in three. Rene Arrendondo, 126, stopped Pablo Santiago, 124, in one. Perfecto Salmeron, 117, TKO'd Concepcion, also 117, in two. Jose Mora, 112, TKO'd Aniceto Hernandez, 111, in one.
(3-18-81)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Arturo Tebaqui, 108, stiffened Jorge Manuel Vera, also 108, in three. Jose Acosta, 112, outscored Eduardo (Lalo) Acosta, 111, 10. Jose (Arana) Mendez, 132, TKO'd Adrian (Cachorro) Estrella, 134, in five. Neftali Ramirez, 111, TKO'd Alberto Garcia, 110, in two. Rene (Sota) Rodriguez, 118, outpointed Joaquin Corros, also 118, four.
(3-21-81)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Reyes Gonzalez, 125, halted Carlos Ibarra, also 125, in five. Antonio Rojas, 119, outpointed Luis Gonzalez, 117, 10. Salatiel Solano, 117, TKO'd Pedro (Yoyo) Delgado, 116, in four. Marcos Guzman, 121, and Onesimo Vilchis, 118, drew, six. Reynaldo Garcia, 111, outscored Isidoro Cazares, 112, four.
(3-25-81)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—German Torres, 108, stopped Luis Enrique Garcia, 107, in three, to retain his Mexican junior flyweight title. Miguel Angel Alvarez, 125, TKO'd Alejandro Vega, also 125, in three. Chucho Rodriguez, 111, outscoted Alfonso Rivera, 112, eight. Alejo Garcia, 111, and Javier Herrera, 109, drew, six. Abel Gonzalez, 119, outpointed Ernesto Gutierrez, 117, four.
(3-28-81)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Agustin Toral, 146, TKO'd Alberto Figueroa, 147, in two. Diego Avila, 117, outpointed Salvador Estrada, 118, 10. Sergio Gonzalez, 144, outscored Felix Mendoza, 143, six. Antonio Lopez, 107, TKO'd Ramon (Toluco) Lopez, 108, in two. Hugo Rodriguez, 110, TKO'd Jose Luis Campos, also 110, in three.
(4-01-81)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Marcos Villasana, 126, TKO'd Federico Carreno, 124, in five. Rafael (Raton) Alonso, 113, outscored Heriberto Saavedra, 113, 10. Raul (Satanas) Guerrero, 133, stiffened Perfecto Salmeron, 132, in the second. Carlos (Atomo) Garcia, 107, TKO'd Pedro Barajas, 108, in one. David Palacios, 110, TKO'd Benjamin Ramirez, 111, in five. Mario Olmedo, 147, outpointed Beto Garcia, 146, four.
(4-04-81)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Pablo Ramirez, 124, outpointed Boji Flores, 125, 10. Miguel Valderrama, 124, TKO'd Fidel Trejo, 126, in eight. Felipe (Tigre) Fernandez, 118, stopped Mario Ochoa, also 118, in four. Raul Dominguez, 112, TKO'd Narciso Panchi, 111, in five. Carmelo Bustos, 111, outscored Enrique Romero, also 111, four.
(4-08-81)

GUERRERO

▲ **ACAPULCO**—Leo (Cuervo) Castellanos, 110, won by a disqualification over Manuel (Rata) Luna, 112, in three. Florentino Palomeque, 134, kayoed Victor (Aguacate) Nava, also 134, in three.
(3-13-81)

▲ **ACAPULCO**—Ciro Cayetano, 117, outscored Gonzalo Lovera, 118, 10. "Gallito" Ruiz, 125, halted Carlos Ramirez, 124, in the 10th and final round.
(3-20-81)

▲ **ACAPULCO**—Beto Ramos, 136, halted Neri Gonzalez, 134, in four. Venancio Rosas, 111, knocked out Margarito Chavez, 112, in three.
(3-27-81)

JALISCO

▲ **GUADALAJARA**—Rafael (Chato) Guerra, 113, TKO'd "Chamaco" de la Cruz, 112, in three. Pedro Sanchez, 126, stopped Guillermo Ramirez, 124, in two.
(3-13-81)

▲ **GUADALAJARA**—Arturo Mujica, 111, stopped Ricardo Antonio, 113, in two. Ildefonso Bernal, 111, demolished Rodolfo Flores, also 111, in the first. Tony Escobar, 118, halted Juan Ortiz, 120, in one.
(3-20-81)

▲ **GUADALAJARA**—Juan Zarate, 117, kayoed Omar Garcia, 118, in two.
(3-27-81)

▲ **GUADALAJARA**—Rosendo (Rocky) Alonso, 117, TKO'd Jose Angel Cazares, 118, in five. Wilebaldo Salazar, 119, TKO'd Arturo del Villar, 120, in one.
(4-03-81)

NUEVO LEON

▲ **MONTERREY**—Baldomero Santos, 112, outscored Felipe Romero, also 112, 10. Ubaldo Ramirez, 111, won by a disqualification over Leonardo Ramirez, 114, in four.
(3-13-81)

OAXACA

▲ **SALINA CRUZ**—Fabian Palma, 118, outpointed Juan Alvarez, 119, 10.
(3-13-81)

▲ **SALINA CRUZ**—Gilberto (Zorrito) Morales, 112, outpointed Jorge de Jesus, also 112, 10.
(3-27-81)

PUEBLA

▲ **PUEBLA**—Pedro Alonso, 118, TKO'd Benito Martinez, 119, in nine.
(2-24-81)

▲ **PUEBLA**—Elias Torres, 124, stopped Federico Cruz, 125, in five.
(3-31-81)

QUINTANA ROO

▲ **CHETUMAL**—Claro Guzman, 147, TKO'd Fitzroy Guisseppi, 146, British Honduras, in nine.
(3-19-81)

SINALOA

▲ **CULIACAN**—Jesus (Chuyin) Lopez, 118, kayoed Cecilio Ostos, 117, in three. Lupe Acosta, 117, TKO'd Felipe (Osito) Morales, 115, in six. Guary Beltran, 123, TKO'd Hector Nevarez, 124, in six.
(3-20-81)

▲ **LOS MOCHIS**—Norberto Cabrera, 118, TKO'd Jose Luis Soto, also 118, in nine, to retain his Mexican bantamweight title. Hector (Young Casanova) Medina, 118, and Mauricio

MEXICAN RATINGS (AS OF APRIL 6, 1981)

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion: Alfredo (Mongol) Ortiz
1. Jorge (Martillo) Flores
2. Fernando Montes
3. Aldo Montes
4. Jose (Laredo) Gonzalez
5. Memo Vargas
6. Javier Lopez
7. Azael Gutierrez
8. Juan Olvera

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion: David (Maceton) Cabrera
1. Julio Cruz
2. Elias Equihua
3. Ladislao Mijangos
4. Juan Ramon Campas
5. Mario (Seco) Luna
6. Leno Puente
7. Roberto Cruz

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion: Joaquin (Petrolero) Macias
1. Antonio Adame
2. Marcos Geraldo
3. Jose Mireles
4. Jose Baquedano
5. Othon Guzman
6. Ernesto Escalante
7. Lalo Capetillo
8. Benny (Kid) Ibarra
9. Juan Carlos Ortiz
10. Ariel Favela

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion: Adolfo Sanjeado
1. Antonio Leyva
2. Leonardo (Chino) Bermudez
3. Betillo Gutierrez
4. Gonzalo (Raton) Montes
5. Abel Cordoba
6. Alberto Lopez
7. Adan Chavarria
8. Sergio Sanchez
9. David (Lenteja) Madrid
10. Juan Elizondo

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion: Jose Luis Ramirez
1. Rafael Nunez
2. Ricardo (Leoncito) Peralta
3. Benny Abarca
4. Othoniel Lopez
5. Vincente Mijares
6. Felipe Urquiza
7. Ramon Peraza
8. Raul (Zurdo) Molina
9. Cayetano Correa
5. Jose Luis Tapia

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion: Gustavo Salgado
1. Justo Garcia
2. Sixto Castillo
3. Joaquin Acuna
4. Guillermo (Lobo) Morales
5. Cenobio Nicolas
7. Roque Montoya
8. Marcos Villasana
9. Luis (Puma) Fuente
10. Elpidio Infante

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion: Norberto Cabrera
1. Jorge Ramirez
2. Ray (Pelon) Rodriguez
3. Paulino Canche
4. Oscar (Negro) Bejinez
5. Rigoberto (Gigio) Estrada
6. Francisco (Kiko) Bejinez
7. Antonio de la Paz
8. Jesus (Chuyin) Lopez
9. Jose Luis Soto
10. Fabian Palma

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion: Jose Gallegos
1. Raul Valdez
2. Gabriel Bernal
3. Freddie Castillo
4. Jose (Pepillo) Herrera
5. Elid (Jimmy) Fernandez
6. Juan Herrera
7. Luis (Pajarito) Aguilar
8. Victor Salcedo
9. Baldomero Santos
9. Ernesto (Che) Guevara

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS
Champion: German Torres
1. Lupe Madera
2. Candido Tellez
3. Arturo Tebaqui
4. Javier Lucas
5. Amado (Panterita) Ursua
6. Miguel (Pulgarcito) Leal
7. Luis Enrique Garcia
8. Rafael Guerra
9. Jorte Manuel Vera
10. Ricardo (Finito) Lopez

Beltran, 117, drew, 10, Panchito Montiel, 109, kayoed Eloy Sazueta, 108, in five. Ray Beltram, 134, stopped Virgilio Urquidi, 135, in four.
(3-29-81)

▲ **CULIACAN**—Adan Chavarria, 147, and Jose Luis Soberanes, also 147, drew, 10. Juan Ochoa, 146, iced Joel Soto, also 146, in one. Miguel Ruiz, 118, won by a disqualification over Julio Ceasar Chavez, 116, in one.
(4-03-81)

SONORA

▲ **HERMOSILLO**—Jose Luis Ramirez, 135, stopped Celso Limon, also 135, in one.
(4-04-81)

TABASCO

▲ **VILLAHERMOSA**—Elid (Jimmy) Fernandez, 113, outpointed Luis (Pajarito) Aguilar, 111, 10. Saul Linares, 124, TKO'd Jose Zapata, 123, in five. Federico Gonzalez, 109, TKO'd Antonio Madero, 111, in two.
(3-21-81)

▲ **VILLAHERMOSA**—Gabriel Bernal, 111, outpointed Miguel Canto, also 111, 10. Lupe Madera, 106, halted Victor (Guerrerito) Mendez, 108, in six. Daniel Zaragoza, 118, stopped Jesus (Rocky) Maravilla, also 118, in two. Daniel Herrera, 125, TKO'd Benny Arguelles, 126, in eight. Jose Gabriel Tzab, 112, TKO'd Fidel Martinez, 111, in the 10th and final round. Wilberto Medina, 111, knocked out "Mantequilla" Tzuc, 112, in one.
(3-29-81)

TAMAULIPAS

▲ **CIUDAD MANTE**—Jose Mireles, 147, halted Othon Guzman, 143, in five.
(3-26-81)

▲ **CIUDAD MANTE**—Jose Luis Escalante, 125, and Roque Montoya, also 125, drew, 10.
(4-02-81)

▲ **REYNOSA**—Jose Gallegos, 112, outscored Freddie (Chato) Castillo, also 112, 12, retaining the Mexican flyweight title.
(3-30-81)

YUCATAN

▲ **MERIDA**—Diego Franco, 108, TKO'd Daniel Cuamani, 109, in five. Jorge Cano, 111, TKO'd Ramon Concha, 112, in six. Rodolfo Alvarado, 108, outscored Santiago Mendez, 109, six. Fermin Madera, 108, outpointed Francisco (Indio) Chable, 109, four. Melchor Cruz, 109, TKO'd Ramon Quintal, also 109, in one.
(3-18-81)

▲ **MERIDA**—Miguel (Pulgarcito) Leal, 108, stopped Pedro Moreno, also 108, in the 10th and final round. Tony Hong, 108, outscored Ranulfo Cano, 109, 10. Panchito Juarez, 110, TKO'd Pastor Brito 109, in five. "Torito" Sansores, 117, TKO'd Sergio May, also 117, in four. Jose Luis Aban, 115, knocked out Efrain Grajales, 114, in the first.
(3-25-81)

EDUARDO AMER G.

CENTRAL AMERICA

PANAMA

▲ **CHIRIQUE** — Jose Santana, 125¾, won the vacant Central American and Caribbean Boxing Federation featherweight title with a split decision over Jairo Anton, 126, Nicaragua, 12.

Carlos Nunez, 126, kayoed Ernesto Arce, also 126, in the seventh round of a scheduled 10.

Antonio Isaza, 135, knocked out Victor Brown, 134, in the sixth and final round.

Alfredo Leyne, 129, won unanimous decision over Alexander Sanchez, 130, four.

Emilio Aponte, 119, won unanimous decision over Miguel Lezcano, also 119, four.
(3-29-81)

▲ **PANAMA CITY** — Alfonso (Peppermint) Frazer, 140¼, TKO'd Felix Sune, 147¼, at the end of eight rounds in their scheduled 10-rounder.

Jorge Alvarado, 132, won a unanimous decision over Juvencio Monserrate, also 132, 10.

Alcibiades Blandon, 124, won unanimous decision over Francisco Fernandez, 125, 10.

Aquilino Asprilla, 129, kayoed Benjamin Zapata, 125¾, in 1:57 of the first round in their scheduled 10.

Bernardo Cheza, 121¼, won unanimous decision over Marcos Tunon, 122, four.

Humberto Sosa, 125¾, outscored Reynaldo Brown, 126¼, four.

Bernardino Moreno, 109½, won unanimous decision over Martin Barcenas, 108, four.
(4-04-81)

▲ **COLON** — Miguel Iriarte, 117¾, TKO'd Milciades Alvarez, 117½, at 2:56 of the ninth round in a scheduled 10.

Luis Ibarra, 111, kayoed Andres Gonzalez, 110, Nicaragua, in 1:50 of the first round in their scheduled 10.

Eric Perea, 149, TKO'd Tommy Ortiz, 148, at 1:18 of the first round in their 10.

Celso Chavez, 114¼, knocked out Daniel Kazan Solano, 113¼, Costa Rica, in 2:42 of the seventh in another scheduled 10-rounder.

Alberto Diaz, 117¾, won unanimous decision over Enrique Ortega, also 117¾, four.

David Harper, 134, made his pro debut by winning a unanimous decision over Melquiades Gomez, also 134, four.
(4-04-81)

RAQUEL M. TORRES

SOUTH AMERICA

VENEZUELA

▲ **SAN CRISTOBAL**—Lightweights: Luis Beltran Rodriguez outpointed Leonidas Asprilla, 10. Bantams: Edgar Roman kayoed Sang-Bong Lee, Korea, in the ninth. Light Welters: Ramon Cotua knocked out Herman Caballero in the fourth.
(1-24-81)

▲ **POLIEDRO**—Featherweights: Carlos Pinango kayoed Luis Rivera in the seventh. Bantamweights: Carlos Gutierrez halted Kid Pitalua in the sixth. Junior Lights: Ramon Cotua stopped Americo Sevallos in the first round. Bantams: Jose Higuera and Eusebio Espinal drew, six. Heavyweights: Narciso Maldonado kayoed Vicente Montano in the fifth.
(2-09-81)

▲ **POLIEDRO**—Welterweights: Mauricio Bravo outpointed Adalberto Vanegas, 10. Lights: Luis Beltran Rodriguez outscored Jose L. Alejandro, 10. Light Welters: Ramon Cotua halted Eudo Ortiz in the eighth round. Bantams: Osvaldo Regalado stopped Robinson Sanchez in the second.
(2-16-81)

▲ **POLIEDRO**—Lightweights: Ernesto Espana outpointed Eduardo Iriarte, 10. Flyweights: Oscar Bolivar outscored Wilfredo Padron, 10. Light Welters: Guillermo Fernandez stopped Arnaldo Santiago in the fourth round. Super Bantams: Edel Geles halted Osvaldo Regalado in the eighth.
(2-21-81)

▲ **CARACAS**—Junior Lightweights: Enrique Maxwell, Panama, halted Ruben Veliz in the eighth round. Light Middles: Gilberto Mena stopped Veanor Durango in the ninth. Feathers: Pascual Deaza outpointed Nelson Rodriguez, six. Light Welters: Juan B. Rondon stopped Adan Miranda in the second.
(2-22-81)

▲ **POLIEDRO**—Super Flyweights: Carlos Gutierrez stopped Javier Brown in the 10th round (Championship of the Americas). Bantams: Edgar Roman halted Victor Bultron in the fourth round. Bantams: Jovito Rengifo outscored Luis Burgos, 10. Feathers: Edelberto Gelles halted Juan Mijares in the fourth.
(3-09-81)

EUROPE

UNITED KINGDOM

▲ **LONDON—Royal Albert Hall**—Another easy victory for European flyweight champion Charlie Magri, 110, who successfully defended his title by stopping Spaniard Enrique Rodriguez Cal, 112. Belgian referee Jean Deswarts intervened early in round two after Rodriguez had been decked four times.

Body punching of the highest order rendered the Spaniard helpless, although still on his feet.

This victory underlines Magri's high world rating, and it cannot now be too long before he gets his chance.

Manager Terry Lawless did intimate afterwards that, if he couldn't get a crack at the flyweight crown within a reasonable time, he might consider going after the light-flyweight title, with a weight limit of 108 (or, just two pounds less than Charlie scaled on this occasion).

Rodriguez had been previously unbeaten in 19 bouts, and is a southpaw. But nothing bothered Magri. He concentrated on the body, a deliberate plan, he confessed afterwards, instead of hurting his hands when landing on the head of the little eight-stoner.

The Spaniard was down twice in each round, but the writing was on the wall after the first knockdown.

It has been obvious for some time that there is no rightful contender for Margi's European title, and the last two mismatches have proved it. The European Boxing Union should now make Charlie defend his crown just for the sake of doing so within a stipulated period, irrespective of the standard of the contender.

Dave (Boy) Green, former European light welter and welter champ, outscored Jose Ramon Gomez Fouz, 148, over eight by 79½-78.

Now campaigning as a light middle, Dave's win was not quite as clear-cut as the scoreline suggests, and he was given a hard time by a man who is not considered a particularly hard puncher.

Right hands from Fouz found their target with apparent ease, but his attacks were not sustained. On the other hand, Green kept punching away, and it was the Spaniard who showed signs of wilting in the last two rounds.

In the later stages, Fouz was cut by the left eye. This encouraged Green to step up the pace, although he himself had a swelling below the left eye, was bleeding from the mouth, and had a nick on the left eyebrow.

Some critics are calling for Green's retirement, and the fact that this bout was switched from the scheduled 10 rounds down to eight might be an indication of the thinking as to his future.

In an eliminator for the Southern Area light heavyweight title, Alex Tompkins, West Ham, 173¾, sensationally kayoed Steve Lewin, Streatham, 173¼, near the end of round six with a right to the jaw.

Lewin looked to be jabbing his way to a comfortable victory, but the gutsy Tompkins never gave up, and always looked dangerous when he managed to land his lethal right.

The ending was unexpected, but the final punch was a peach. Tompkins had only boxed twice last year, and his inactivity may have affected his performance in the early rounds. But he certainly wore his man down in fine style, the fighter beating the boxer on this occasion.

Colin Derrick, Bethnal Green, 146½, outpointed Ian Murray, Birmingham, 148½, over eight by 80-75½, which meant he won every round. Substitute Murray was decked in the opening session.

Lance Williams, Manchester, 137½, beat Paul Keers, Hartlepool, 142½, the bout being stopped at 1:20 of the first. A left hook put Keers down. He rose unsteadily at nine, but the referee decided he was in no condition to continue.

Kerrs is normally a featherweight, and scaled a stone heavier than in his previous contest.

George Feeney, Hartlepool, 134¾, defeated the previously unbeaten Eddie Copeland, West Ham, 136½, albeit on a retirement at the end of round four. Eddie's left eye was badly swollen and he was taken to the hospital with a suspected concussion.

Feeney was down in round two, and his nose bled in the following session, but he kept pace with Copeland, who himself was marked around both eyes.

It was a good fight while it lasted, Copeland doing most of the attacking, but Feeney showing a good left hand. A pity it had to end the way it did, and a return is a "must."

Mark Kaylor, West Ham, 161½, beat Martin McEwan, Birmingham 163, the referee intervening in round six with McEwan bleeding for the nose and well behind.
(2-24-81)

▲ **LONDON—National Sporting Club**—Roy Gumbs, born in St. Kitts but living in the Tottenham area of London, 159¾, became the new British middleweight champion, winning the vacant crown by beating Howard Mills, Huddersfield, 158½, the bout being stopped by referee James Brimmell in round three with Mills taking punishment.

Mills was never allowed to get into the hunt. Gumbs revealed confidence and ability. He was quicker to the punch (not that Mills landed many), and possessed the harder dig.

Gumbs stamped his authority in round one, increased it in round two when he decked his man with a hefty right hand, and concluded matters in round three with Mills backing desperately around the ring and on the canvas two more times.

Mills manages his own affairs, but trainer Terry Lawless said afterwards, "If the referee had not intervened when he did, we would have retired Howard at the end of the round."

Gumbs' victory was a personal triumph for sports equipment boss Bernard Hart, who is his manager. Roy is Bernard's first and only boxer at the moment, and this feat must constitute something of a record.

Although British champion, Roy is in the peculiar position of having two other Britishers above him in the World ratings, former world champion Alan Minter and current Commonwealth and European champion Tony Sibson.

This fact in no way deters manager Hart's plans. A few days after the fight, he flew to America to negotiate a series of bouts for Roy in Madison Square Garden. He will have the assistance and the advice of Howie Albert, who guided Emile Griffith to a world title.

Bernard's aim for Roy is a world title fight with Marvin Hagler within 12 months.

Whatever happens, it's great for British boxing to boast of three world class middleweights.

Gumbs has had to wait five years for recognition, and remarked wryly, "I still haven't appeared on a major promotion, and I believe that going to America will help improve my world status."

Gary Lucas, Liverpool, 128, outscored Lee Graham, Peckham, over eight by 80-77½, not losing a round.

Steve Farnsworth, 129, outpointed Bryn Jones, Penryhoel, 130, by 59½-58 over six.

Lee McKenzie, Croydon, scored a comfortable points victory over Julian Boustead, Torquay, 143. The scoreline was 60-58, which means he didn't lose a round.
(2-02-81)

▲ **SWINDON—Blunsdon House Hotel**—Steve Cleak, Porthcawl, 121, outpointed Mohammad Younis, Walsall, 122, over eight by 79-78. This was a first-class performance, with Younis the rated number five bantam contender, and Cleak the number 16 featherweight.

And thereby hangs a tale. Cleak cannot make the bantam limit of 118, and is too light for the featherweight division. Unfortunately for Steve, a "super-bantamweight" division does not exist in Britain.

On this occasion, he was well worth his victory, jabbing effectively, quicker to the punch, and shaking his man in round five with a hard right hand. Younis was forced to hang on, and both tripped to the the canvas.

Cliff Curtis, Swindon, 154, outscored Dave Dunn, Rosendale, 160, over six by 59½-58½ in spite of conceding nearly half a stone. Curtis put in a strong finish to ensure victory.

Al Neville, Tottenham, 160, gained a six-round points win

over Roger Ryder, Bournemouth, 154. Scoreline: 59½-59.

Delroy Pearce, Tottenham, 138, won his four-rounder, also on points, against substitute Mark Tobin, Doncaster, 146, by the margin of 40-39.
(1-28-81)

▲ STOKE—Norths Staffs Sporting Club—Tommy Taylor, Hednesford, 175, beat Nigel Savory, Leeds, 176, the referee intervening as the bell ended round six.

Savory, still on his feet, protested at the stoppage, but he was taking punishment, and Taylor had established a good lead.

Winston Davies, Rugby, 161, defeated Mickey Kidd, Leicester, 159, in a battle of southpaws. The bout was stopped halfway through round two after Kidd had been decked from a left hook.

Willie Wright, Birmingham, 164, outscored Joe Dean, Huddersfield, over six by 59-58, after being down in the opening session.

Dave Goodwin, Bootle, 147, outpointed Gary Buckle, Wednesbury, 147, over six by 59½-58½. It was Buckle's first defeat.

Debutant Alex Rodden, Nottingham 131, did well to outpoint Ray Smyth, Birmingham, over four by 40-38½ after sustaining an eye injury in round three.
(1-28-81)

▲ NOTTINGHAM—Great International Sporting Club—In a sparkling bout between Jimmy Bott, Liverpool, 118, and George Bailey, Bradford, 113, the former won on points by dint of his superior skills. Scoreline after eight was 79-77½.

Bott, the number 10 bantamweight, used his weight advantage to good effect, but Bailey, the number four flyweight, put up a better fight than the scoreline suggested, and the final round was a cracker.

Cordwell Hylton, Walsall, 176, was decked in round four, but got up to outscore Steve Fenton, Leicester, 174, over six by the narrow margin of 59-58½.

Headwork was prevalent, and it wasn't a good scrap to watch, with too much holding.

John Wiggins, Notthingham, 150, outpointed Jimmy Smith, Tottenham, 145, over six by 60-58, not losing a round. Smith started fast, but, after a couple of rounds, Wiggins got into his stride and outjabbed his man for the remainder of the bout.

Dennis Sheehan, Nottingham, 150, beat Errol Dennis, Wolverhampton, 146, the bout being stopped in round three. Dennis had not been down, but had been shaken by a right hook.

Lloyd Christie, Wolverhampton, 138, outpointed Gerry Beard, Nottingham, 134, over four by 40-39, not losing a round in an excellent contest.
(2-02-81)

▲ SOUTHEND—20th Century Sporting Club—Mick Mills, Sheffield, 155, defeated Neil Fannon, Hartlepool, 152, the referee intervening in round six of a scheduled eight after Fannon had been down four times.

Jimmy Cable, Crawley, 154½, outscored Paul Goodwin, Liverpool, 152, over six by 60-58, not losing a round.

Gordon Stacey, Mitcham, 172, beat John Vaughan, Liverpool, 173½, the bout being stopped in round two after the latter had been decked.

Phil Gibson, Hartlepool, 146½, outpointed Dave Taylor, Liverpool, 150, over six by 59½-58½.
(2-03-81)

▲ LONDON—Anglo-American Sporting Club—Andy Palmer, Liverpool, 212, rated the number 21 heavyweight, did his prestige a power of good by stopping George Scott, Newcastle, 218, hitherto ranked number 11, who was retired by his corner at the end of the opening session.

Official reason was a cut by the left eye, but Scott had been on the canvas.

Trevor Cattouse, Balham, drew with Danny Lawford, Manchester, over eight in the light heavyweight bout. The latter finished strongly, but some thought Cattouse unlucky not to get the verdict.

Jackie Turner, Hull, beat Alan Cooper, Brighton, who was disqualified in round three for persistent holding.

Dominic Bergonzi, Hoxton, outscored Dennis Sheehan, Nottingham, over eight by 80-76, not losing a round.
(2-09-81)

▲ MANCHESTER—Anglo-American Sporting Club—Robert Armstrong, Doncaster, 148½, defeated Dave Goodwin, Liverpool, 147, the referee intervening in round three after Goodwin had been decked from a left hook.

It was Dave's fourth paid bout, and his first defeat, as an amateur or pro.

Joe Dean, Huddersfield, 170, drew with Dave Turner, Warrington, 174, over six.

Paul Goodwin, Bootle, 150, kayoed Mark Towbin, Doncaster, 150, in round one with a right hand after decking him with a left hook.

Debutant Steve Foster, Salford, 146, beat Pat McCarthy, Manchester, 149, the referee intervening in round three to save McCarthy from further punishment. The latter bled from the nose almost throughout.
(2-09-81)

▲ LONDON—York Hall—Substitute George Walker, Tottenham, 153¾, drew with Chris Christian, Stoke Newington, 152½, over eight.

This bout took the place of the original contest between Christian and Steve Hopkin for the latter's Southern Area title; the latter had influenza.

Walker put up a rousing display, and finished strongly after Christian had shown up well in the early rounds. Christian was cut by the left eye in round seven.

Dave Armstrong, Hackney, 161½, kayoed Peter Simon, Battersea, 164, in round two after being down three times.

One can understand Dave's hurry. He was getting married the day after the fight.

Colin Derrick, Bethnal Green, 153¼, beat Mike Miller, Norwood, 148¼, the bout being stopped in round four with Miller unable to do much more than cover up from Derrick's persistent attacks.

Lloyd Honeyghan, West Ham, 142½, outscord Dave Sullivan, Plymouth, 143, over six by 60-58½, not losing a round.

Honeyghan thus kept his unbeaten record, but Sullivan put up stout opposition. Dave thus failed to avenge the defeat inflicted on his brother Mike by Lloyd in the latter's pro debut.

BRITISH COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. John L. Gardner (England)
2. Trevor Berbick (Canada)
3. Gordon Ferris (No. Ireland)
4. Billy Aird (England)
5. Ngozika Ekwelum (Nigeria)
6. Conroy Nelson (Canada)
7. Neville Meade (England)
8. Terry Mintus (England)
9. Steve Aczel (Australia)
10. Maile Haumona (Tonga)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Lotte Mwale (Zambia)
1. John Conteh (England)
2. Mustapha Wasajja (Uganda)
3. Chisanda Mutti (Zambia)
4. Bunny Johnson (England)
5. Gary Summerhays (Canada)
6. Tony Mundine (Australia)
7. Murray Sutherland (Canada)
8. Stan Bogovic (Australia)
9. Monty Betham (New Zealand)
10. Rocky Beaumont (England)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Tony Sibson (England)
1. Alan Minter (England)
2. Ralph Hollett (Canada)
3. Roy Gumbs (England)
4. Eddie Melo (Canada)
5. Wayne Caplette (Canada)
6. Wally Carr (Australia)
7. Fernand Marcotte (Canada)
8. Chris Clarke (Canada)
9. Eddie Burke (Scotland)
10. Eddie Smith (England)

LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Kenny Bristol (Guyana)
1. Maurice Hope (England)
2. Rocky Mattioli (Australia)
3. Ayub Kalule (Uganda)
4. Pat Thomas (St. Kitts)
5. Jimmy Batten (England)
6. Dave (Boy) Green (England)
7. Elisha Obed (Bahamas)
8. Steve Hopkin (England)
9. Herol Graham (England)
10. Steve Dennis (Australia)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Colin Jones (Wales)
1. Kirkland Laing (England)
2. Frank Ropis (Australia)
3. Josef Nsubuga (Uganda)
4. Mark Harris (Guyana)
5. Eddie Marcelle (Trinidad)
6. Lloyd Hibbert (England)
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LIGHT WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Obisia Nwankpa (Nigeria)
1. Lennox Blackmoore (Guyana)
2. Clinton McKenzie (England)
3. Des Morrison (England)
4. Sylvester Mittee (St. Lucia)
5. Mike Parsons (Trinidad)
6. Steve Early (England)
7. Ken Buchanan (Scotland)
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LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Langton Tinago (Zimbabwe)
1. Jim Watt (Scotland)
2. Charlie Nash (No. Ireland)
3. Hogan Jimoh (Nigeria)
4. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (Uganda)
5. Claude Noel (Trinidad)
6. Gaetan Hart (Canada)
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8. John Summerhays (Canada)
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FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Patrick Ford (Guyana)
1. Pat Cowdell (England)
2. Charm Chiteule (Zambia)
3. Jimmy Flint (England)
4. Brian Roberts (Australia)
5. Jey Nardo (Zimbabwe)
6. Thomas Gourley (Canada)
7. Leonard Pinnock (Canada)
8. Vernon Penprase (England)
9. Azuma Nelson (Ghana)
10. Gerry O'Neill (Scotland)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Paul Ferreri (Australia)
2. John Feeney (England)
3. Dave Smith (England)
4. Mike Irungu (Kenya)
5. Gary Nickels (England)
6. Dave Larmour (No. Ireland)
7. Wayne Mulholland (Australia)
8. Charlie Brown (Australia)
9. Tumat Sogolik (Papua New Guinea)
10. Stix Macloud (Zimbabwe)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Stephen Muchoki (Kenya)
1. Charlie Magri (England)
2. Steve Bell (Australia)
3. Ray Amoo (Nigeria)
4. Pedro Solo (Australia)
5. John Hipwell (Australia)
6. Kelvin Smart (Wales)
7. Dave George (Wales)
8. Junior Thompson (Australia)
9. Sam Eme (Nigeria)
10. Attah Yeboah (Ghana)

John Aba (Papua New Guinea) is the junior lightweight champion. Contenders: Kazeen Armah (Nigeria), Willi Tarika (Fiji), Big Jim West (Australia).

Gary Brooks, Stoke Newington, 143½, defeated John Wiggins, Nottingham, 142½, the referee intervening in round two after Wiggins had been down from a right hook.

Steve Buttle, Basingstoke, 161½, defeated Phil Williams, Plymouth, 163, the bout been halted in round five with Williams taking punishment.
(2-10-81)

▲ GLASGOW—Morley's Night Club—Scottish light welter champ George Peacock, Glasgow, 141, outscored Adey Allen, the Midlands Area titleholder from Leicester, 142¼, over eight by 79-78.

Peacock showed up well in the early stages. He was first to the punch, and was landing accurately with both hands.

After the halfway mark, Allen came into his own, raising the tempo and doing most of the forcing concentrating on the body.

Peacock had to fight hard to retain his early lead, and both are to be congratulated on a fine contest.

Jim McKeown, Barrhead, 126, beat Alex Irvine, Leicester, 128, the referee intervening in round six when Irving was cut by the left eye. The injury required seven stitches.

McKeown looked well in front when the stoppage came.

Barry Winter, Clydebank, 148, outpointed Liam Linnen, Coatbridge, 149½, over six by 59½-58.

John Sharkey, Glasgow, 128, drew with Larry Richards, Leicester, 128, over four.

Debutant Mike Dunlop, Lochaber, 142, outpointed another first-timer, Jim Hunter, 144, over four by 40-39½.
(2-09-81)

▲ LONDON—National Sporting Club—British lightweight champion Ray Cattouse, didnt lose a round in outpointing Kerry Collins, Merthyr, over eight by 80-78. Both were inside the stipulated 138.

This was only a warm-up for a forthcoming title defense, and Cattouse was strongly favored to win over a fighter rated number 14 in the light welter division.

Collins was decked in rounds three and six, but keep fighting back and put up strong opposition—just what Cattouse needed. The champ showed his superior class in a good contest enjoyed by the fans.

Chris Sanigar, Bristo, 142, beat Wayne Floyd, Cranleigh, 144, who was disqualified in round three for "blatant misuse of the head".

Early on, Sanigar was censured for an alleged low blow and Floyd for careless use of the head. Floyd was decked by a right hook in round two, then went down again from a left hook in the same session.

Floyd was on the canvas again early in round three from another left hook, got up, and caught Sanigar with his head. He was immediately ruled out.

John Joseph, Hayes, 166, beat Wayne McLaughlin, Workshop, 159, the bout being stopped in round two after the latter had been decked briefly in the opening session.

David Miles, Merthyr, 127, outscored Peter Ewebanks, Brighton, 131, over six by 60-58½. Ewebanks bled from the nose.
(2-16-81)

▲ LONDON—World Sporting Club—British welter champ Colin Jones, defeated Horace McKenzie, Cardiff, the referee intervening in round seven after McKenzie had been down twice. Both were inside 150.

Jones had been suffering from a bruised right hand, and used this weapon sparingly. However, his left proved sufficient for victory, although McKenzie protested at the stoppage.

This was their fifth meeting, twice as professionals and thrice as amateurs, and McKenzie had yet to record his first victory.

A confident display by the champion.

Tommy McCallum, Edinburgh, 145, outpointed Jimmy Smith, Tottenham, 146½, over eight by 78½-78, keeping his unbeaten record.

Terry Christie, Dublin, 163¼, didn't lose a round outscoring Winston Burnett, Cardiff, 162½, over six by 60-57. Christie revealed a good left hand to overcome a game opponent.

Paul Huggins, Hastings, 120, kayoed veteran Glyn Davies, Llanelli, 123½, in 1:27 of the opening round. When they met previously, Huggins won on points.

Aneurin Williams, a former Welsh international, 174, outpointed Paul Bussette, Windsor, 174, by the narrow margin of 59-58½ over six. It was the latter's first bout in a year, and their styles didn't make for an attractive contest.
(2-16-81)

▲ LONDON—Elephant & Castle Leisure Center—Former British light welter champ Joey Singleton, who comes from Kirby but has now settled in London as a publican, 146¼, outscord Sylvester Gordon, Peckham, 148, over eight by 79-77.

Singleton, one of the most experienced and ringwise boxers in the game, jabbed and hooked with authority in the early rounds. Gordon improved after a slow start to take the middle rounds, both suffering from cuts on the left eyebrow.

In the final rounds, Singleton produced some good close-quarter work to nullify Gordon's efforts and keep his lead. Sylvester, however, was very unhappy at the verdict.

Sid Smith, Forest Hill, 141, looked good outscoring Tony Carroll, Liverpool, 138, over eight by 79½-77.

Carroll was down in round seven, but recovered well, in spite of a slight cut on the right eyebrow.

Billy O'Grady, Deptford, 135, drew with Tim Moloney, Brighton, 137½, over eight in a bout enjoyed by the fans, who threw in nobbins afterwards. Moloney bled from the nose almost throughout.

Debutant Hughroy Currie, Catford, 206½, comfortably outscored Mick Chmilowskyi, Dagenham, 197¼, by 59½-58 over six.

Richard Wilson, Nuneaton, 149, outscored Dave Finigan, Balham, 146½, over six, also by 59½-58. Finigan was well behind, but should be commended on his courage after being decked in round two, marked under the left eye, and bleeding

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from the nose.

Keith Briston, Clapham, beat Glenroy Taylor, Chiswick, the bout being stopped in round four "to save Taylor from unnecessary punishment." Taylor had been decked in round two, and had been twice told by the referee to put more effort in it.
(2-16-81)

▲ **BIRMINGHAM—Arden Sporting Club—**Billy Savage, Nigeria, 163, kayoed Terry Matthews, Swansea, 161, in 2:09 of round one with a right to the head.

Steve Parker, Nottingham, 131, overcame the handicap of cuts by both eyes and on the forehead to outpoint Don Aagesen, Birmingham, 130½, over six by 60-57½, not losing a round.

Parker's only worry was that the fight might be stopped in his opponent's favor because of his injuries. Referee Paul Thomas used his judgement to allow the bout to continue after making an inspection of the cuts.

Mike Clemow, Camborne, 145, convincingly outscored Kevin Johnson, Birmingham, 147, over six by 59½-58½.

Gary Newell, Wolverhampton, 152, gained a six-round points win over Peter Sullivan, Plymouth, 152, scoreline: 59-58½.
(2-16-81)

▲ **NANTWICH—Civic Hall—**In an untidy contest, with the referee ordering the contestants to break in practically every round, Mick Mills, Sheffield, 155, outpointed Vic Jackson, Hackney, 156, over eight by 80-76½.

Jackson's presistent holding spoilt the contest, and Mills didn't lose a round in doing the cleaner and more positive work when he could extricate himself.

Dave Taylor, Liverpool, 149, showed a greater work rate to outpoint Randy Anderson, Peckham, 147, over six by 59½-58½.

Robbie Smith, Morden, 154, just about got home in a narrow points win against Tim McHugh, Liverpool, 156½, scoreline 59-58½ after six. McHugh was having his first bout in nearly three years, but one might have thought it was Smith who had been inactive as he folded in the second half of the bout.

Stan Atherton, Liverpool, outscored Mohammed Ben, Lewisham, 156½, in another narrow one. Scoreline was 59½-59 after six crowd-pleasing rounds, and there were those who thought Ben might have earned at least a draw.
(2-10-81)

▲ **WOLVERHAMPTON—Park Hall Hotel—**Current ratings went out the window when Steve MacLeod, Lochaber, 143, ranked number 53 among the welters, outpointed Midlands Area light welter champion Roger Guest, Dudley, 145½, by 79½-76½ over eight.

It was MacLeod's first excursion over eight "threes," and he looked good, decking his opponent in round seven with a neat left hook.

The pace was a hot one, and the fans showed their appreciation by tossing in nobbins at the close.

Cordwell Hylton, Walsall, 173, beat John O'Neill, Swansea, 172½, the referee intervening in the sixth and final round after O'Neill had been down twice and no longer fighting back.

Willie Wright, Birmingham, 162, outscored Steve Bateman, Swansea, 164, over six by 59-58.

Over four, Gerry Beard, Nottingham, 134, outpointed Ray Smith, Birmingham, 139. Scoreline: 40-38.
(2-10-81)

▲ **SOUTH SHIELDS—Prince Regent Social Club—**Down twice in round two, Graeme Ahmed, South Shields, 154, recovered in fine style to outpoint Carl Bailey, Manchester, 156, over eight by 79-78.

It was Bailey's first bout in a year, and he just couldn't keep up his early pressure. However, it was still a fine effort by Ahmed to get back into the fight after a disastrous start.

Mick Mason, Craghead, 130, retained his unbeaten record by outscoring Eddie Glass, Hartlepool, 131, over eight by 79½-78. Plenty of action in this one, with the more aggressive Mason deservedly getting the nod.

Roy Plant, South Shields, 126½, won his "rubber" bout against Jim Harvey, Glasgow, 125, scoreline 59½-58½ after six. Southpaw Plant deserved the verdict, in spite of some booing.

Phil Gibson, Hartlepool, 150, outpointed Alex Gregal, Glasgow, by 59½-59 over six. A good bout to watch, and Gibson's strong finish got him home.

Debutant Colin Nelson, Sunderland, impressed in outscoring southpaw Jerry Golden, Manchester, 166½, by 60-58½, not losing a round.
(2-12-81)

▲ **LONDON—Lewis Concert Hall—**Alan Lamb, Lancaster, 140, the number six lightweight, made it nine in a row by outscoring Eric Wood, Doncaster, 138, ranked number 22, over eight by 80-76.

This probably meant that Lamb won every round, but Woods became the first boxer to go the full distance with the Lancaster prospect.

It was inevitable that Wood should concentrate on defense once Lamb brought his big guns into operation, but the former deserved the ovation he got for his durability.

Debutant Mel Christie, Dublin, 200½, beat Martin Nee, Paddington, 207¼, in a contest of ups and downs. Nee was decked in round one, Christie had his turn on the canvas in round two, when the boxers failed to hear the bell, and pandemonium reigned.

Christie bled from the nose, and went down from what looked like a throw in round three. Then Nee's left eyebrow was cut, and it worsened considerably as the time went on.

When Nee's right eye suffered damage, the referee inspected his facial injuries at the end of round four and stopped the fight.

Gordon Stacey, Batersea, 171, beat Pharoah Bish, Brixton, 169, the referee intervening in round three after Bish had been down thrice.

Alan Cooper, Brighton, 139, narrowly outpointed Lee McKenzie, Croydon, 142½, over six by 59½-59, a verdict that deprived McKenzie of his unbeaten record and was strongly booed.

Cooper had only a few hours' notice for this fight, and was down briefly on two occasions from blows that were as much pushes as punches.

Debutant Benny Lawlor, Kilkenny, 180, outpointed Lee White, Carshalton, 184¼, over six by 59½-58.
(2-17-81)

▲ **BOLTON—Silver Sports Centre—**In a battle of fluctuating fortunes, Alek Penarski, Alfreton, 178½, floored Midlands Area champion Roy Skeldon and came back well to outscore his man by 78½-77½ over eight.

Superior work rate and strength in the final two rounds probably clinched it for Penarski.

Joe Frater, Grimsby, outscored Paul Heatley, Manchester, over six in a light heavyweight contest.

Derek Groake, Warrington, 132, kayoed debutant Steve Greenhalgh, Bolton, 132, in just 37 seconds with a right to the body.

A draw seemed a fair result after the four rounder between welterweights Peter Stockdale, Grimsby, and Dave Dunn, Rosendale.

Steve Tempro, Leicester lightweight, disposed of another debutant, Alan Burns, Bolton, knocking him out in round four.

One first-timer who did achieve a victory was Peter Phillips, Dinnington, 141, who outscored Martin Towben, Doncaster, over four.
(2-12-81)

▲ **BRADFORD—Yorkshire Executive Sporting Club—**Jimmy Ellis, Sheffield, 156, out of the ring for nearly 12 months, outscored Billy Hill, Blackpool, 165, over eight by 79-78.

Ken Foreman, West Hartlepool, made it five wins in a row by outpointing Winston Ho Shing, Sheffield, in a lightweight contest by 60-57½, not losing a round.

Andy Broughton, Sheffield, 128½, kayoed Keith Foreman, (twin brother of Ken), 129, in the sixth and final round after putting him down twice in the fifth.

Joe Dean, Huddersfield, beat Tony Hoole, Manchester, in a light heavyweight bout, and referee intervening in round two after Hoole had been decked four times.

▲ **LEEDS—Irish Center—**Liam Coleman, Leeds, 172½, won the Northern Ireland light heavyweight title by outpointing the holder, Trevor Kerr, Fivemiletown, 170, over 10 by 99½-97.

Boxing thus returned to Leeds after a lapse of three years, and it was promoted by Trevor Callighan, Coleman's manager.

Coleman is seven years younger than Kerr, and he was quicker to the punch and faster of foot. The champ never gave up trying, but Liam assumed control, and foiled all Kerr's efforts to land with the hard right that he kept throwing.

Archie Salmon, Kilmarnock, 152, kayoed Gary Petty, Hull, 151, who succumbed to body punches in round two.

In a clash of debutants, Craig Walsh, Bradford, 136, outpointed Colin Harrison, Glasgow, 137, over six by 60-58, not losing a round.

Jimmy Woods, Wakefield, 142½, beat Mike Bromby, Hull, 143, the bout being stopped in round three after the latter had been decked. Both were in their first paid fights.

Steve Pollard, Hull, 133, outscored Billy Laidman, Greenock, 132½, over six by 59½-58½.
(2-11-81)

▲ **GLASGOW—St. Andrew's Sporting Club—**Peter Harrison, Cambuslang, 134½, won the Scottish lightweight title by outpointing the holder, Willie Booth, Airdrie, 135, by 98½-97½ over 10.

Harrison made light of conceding seven years in age, and got on top by sheer aggression against a southpaw noted for his strength and who contested every inch of the way.

Now 32, Harrison was a fine amateur, who then retired for nine years before deciding to turn pro at the age of 29. This victory puts him in the top 20 British lightweights, and he looked impressive.

Brian Anderson, Sheffield, 158, gained an impressive victory against Billy Lauder, Bonnyrigg, who retired at the end of round three. Official reason was a cut by the left eye which required several stitches, but Lauder had been under pressure throughout.

Lauder is currently rated number seven in the middleweights, whereas Anderson was only number 14 in the welters.

Paul Kelly, Doncaster, 149, defeated Gerry Maguire, Belfast, 146, the referee intervening in round three after Maguire had been down four times. The latter had been inactive for some time.

Carl Cleasby, Leeds, 122, confirmed a previous win by narrowly outpointing Pat Mallon, Glasgow, 122, over six by 59-58½.
(2-23-81)

▲ **WEMBLEY—Conference Center—**Welshman Colin Jones added the vacant Commonwealth welterweight title to his British crown by stopping Guyana's Mark Harris in the ninth round, referee John Coyle intervening with Harris helpless on the bottom rope.

The referee did not count, preferring to save Harris from further punishment and take quick action in case he was badly hurt.

Harris was down from a left hook in round two, but came back to land a left uppercut in the following session that pulled Jones up in his tracks. The Guyana boxer continued to give his opponent trouble until round six, when Jones floored him with a left hook.

Jones put it all together in round nine, decking Harris three times before the bout was stopped. The Welshman has now won all nineteen contests, all but three inside the schedule.
(Full report of this show next month.)
(3-03-81)

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AFRICA

NIGERIA

▲ **LAGOS—National Stadium—**Obisia Nwankpa, 139¼, Nigeria, moved much closer to a title bout with WBC junior welterweight champion Saoul Mamby by winning a majority decision over Juan Jose Giminez, 140, Argentina, 12.

Giminez tried to pull the fight out with a rally in the last round, but it just wasn't enough. German referee Kurt Halbach scored the contest 119-119, but judges Kamel Youssef, Egypt, and Marcello Bertini, Italy, carded it for Nwankpa, 118-116 and 118-115, respectively.

Nwankpa is now scheduled to meet the winner of the May 22 Mamby-Kumpuani title bout.

Langton (Schoolboy) Tinago, 132¾, Zimbabwe, retained his Commonwealth lightweight crown by knocking out former champion Hogan (Atomic Bomb) Jimoh, 132¼, in 2:25 of the eighth round in a scheduled 15.

Nigerian lightweight champion Davidson Andeh, 132¼, kayoed challenger Billy Famous, 130, in the fifth round of their scheduled 15-round title bout.

Stix McLeod, Zimbabwe, used his height and reach advantage to stop Young Ali, Nigeria, in the ninth frame of a scheduled 10-round bantamweight opener.

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▲ **KING WILLIAMS TOWN—Zwelitsha Hall—**Honey Ndwanya won the vacant Cape flyweight title by outpointing Cosmo Ziqu, 10.

Sexon Ngquayimbana knocked out Boy Boy Mazaleni, two, bantamweights. Mboneleli Dyantjies outscored Ncedo Mpetsheni, six, junior welters. Spokes Witbooi stopped Wana Kwaza, two, lightweights. Alfred Gcaza outpointed Xolani Mbewu, four, welters. Luvuyo Gunuzu and Welcome Jonas drew, four, junior feathers. Nceba halted Zamelakwhe Lobi, two, flyweights.
(2-21-81)

▲ **QUEENSTOWN—Agricultural Grounds—**Siphiwo Fuma knocked out Jacob Diraditsile in the third round of a bantamweight eight-rounder.

Gift Xaluva outscored Stedy Tikolo, four, flyweights. Tembile Sigetye knocked out Hendrik Koelman, two, bantams. Toza Gugu outpointed Joel Waca, four, flies. Zola Mali outpointed Mxolisi Gawula, four, feathers. William Botha outscored Nkosinathi Silolo, four, feathers. Mtutuseli Ngqakay outpointed Hamilton Nyakatha, four, catch weights, Zandile Nukani outscored Alfred Nelani, four, junior feathers.
(2-28-81)

▲ **CAPE TOWN—Good Hope Centre—**Doug Lumley added another notch toward outright ownership of the Old Buck Belt by knocking out Blue Star Buthelezi in the eighth to retain his South African light heavy title.

Bobby Neill halted Willem van der Merwe, three, light heavies. Bramely Whiteboy and Coenie Bekker drew, eight, welters. Emil Brice outpointed Dassie Lockett, four, catch weights. Rodney Botha outscored David Mbombay, four, catch weights. Jan van Rooyen outpointed Zola Ndiki, four, light heavies.
(3-16-81)

▲ **EAST LONDON—Mdantsane Stadium—**Mzwandile Biyana outscored Ernest Moledi, 12, to retain his South African junior welterweight crown.

South African bantamweight champion Welile Nkosinkulu halted Israel Khonkhobe in the third round, non-title.

Johannes and Cosmo Ziqu drew, six, flyweights. Honey Ndwanya outpointed Monde Mpulampula, six, catch weights. Sexon Ngqayimbana stopped Lazarus Kwapeng, three, bantams. Moses Sithebe outpointed Big Boy Mgayi, six, featherweights.
(3-07-81)

NATAL

▲ **DURBAN—Seamen's Institute—**Moses Mthembu TKO'd Sipho Malinge in the ninth to retain his Natal lightweight title.

Amos Msani and Johannes Mthembu drew, four, catch weights. Dennis Masaondo knocked out Sitha Ngubane, four, middleweights. Shadrack Sithole halted Babaya Sibisi, four, middles. Blessing Ndlela outscored Anthony Dlamini, four featherweights. Christian Cele outpointed Enoch Makanyana, four, junior lights. Welcome Anderson stopped Amson Ndlovu, four, welters.
(3-23-81)

ORANGE FREE STATE

▲ **BOTHAVILLE—**Joshua Mahlangu outpointed Lloyd Sekgapane, six, flyweights. Petrus Nyulewe and Simon Ramonyaduwe drew, six, catch weights. Johannes Phumo outscored Meshack Dlamini, six, flies. Daniel Mkenku outpointed Samuel Wolf, four, catch weights. David Majoe outpointed Ephraim Maloka, four, bantams. Joseph Mathube outscored John Matsabu, four, catch weights.
(3-07-81)

▲ **WELKOM—**Joseph Diraditsile won the vacant Orange Free State bantamweight title, knocking out Johannes Lesibo in the ninth round.

Jafta Bohope outpointed Samuel Serekego, six, bantamweights. Jafta Mokgosi halted Jacob Mooipa, four, junior welters. Appington Molala won by a disqualification over Albert Ramaele in the fourth round, lightweights. Manasse Potse out-

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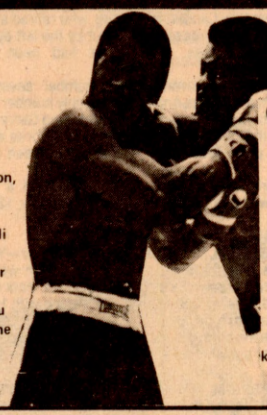

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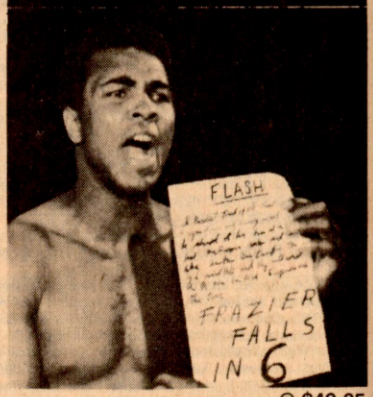

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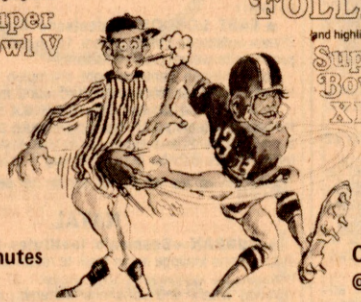

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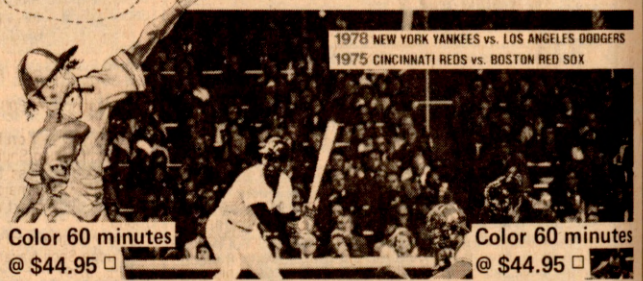

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scored Eric Ndlebende, four, catch weights.
(3-07-81)

▲ **WELKOM—Ice Rink**—Kallie Knoetze made his return to the ring in controversial fashion, stopping German heavyweight champion Bernd August in the second round.

The fight ended with referee Sinson Tsekeletsa throwing August off of the South African to stop the action. August had turned his back on Knoetze and run towards his corner.

Knoetze hurt August in the first round with two good uppercuts that sent the German reeling. Kallie had Bernd in trouble again at the start of the second, and August grimaced in pain as Knoetze attacked the body.

April Speelman and Cecil Sandow drew, four, light heavyweights. Michael Montsoane knocked out David Kalako, five (OFS middleweight title). Willie Opperman and Piet Crous drew, six, light heavies. Lloyd Sekgapane outpointed Godfrey Nkate, four, junior flyweights. Bennie Knoetze halted Gary Webb, two, heavyweights.
(3-13-81)

▲ **VIRGINIA**—Martin Nkokoto retained his Orange Free State junior flyweight title, stopping James Mgqeku in the 10th.

Godfrey Nkate knocked out Benjamin Sebego, three, catch weights. Jeffrey Nkate outscored Lloyd Sekgapane, six, catch weights. Caiphus Khotle outpointed Samuel Motsumi, four, junior feathers. Ephraim Khuto outscored Lucas Moakoba, four, catch weights. Motsie Tladi knocked out Prince Choko, four, junior welters.
(2-28-81)

TRANSVAAL

▲ **JOHANNESBURG—Ellis Park Tennis Stadium**—Charlie Weir served notice that he is a force to be reckoned with in the junior middleweight division, stopping Steve Gregory in the third round. It was the first time Gregory had been stopped—as an amateur or pro.

Steve started aggressively, but most of his right hands went over Weir's head, and many of his hooks were taken on the gloves. Weir was boxing cautiously, picking his punches carefully, and sizing his foe up. Charlie opened up in round three, and Steve was soon in trouble.

A powerful right to the jaw made Gregory sag into the ropes, and the American looked ready to go down when referee Stan Christodoulou jumped between the men and sent Weir to a neutral corner.

Gregory regained his feet, but was given a standing eight-count. Weir then came back on the attack, and sent Gregory staggering into the ropes with another barrage. Referee Christodoulou wisely stopped the fight.

Bennie Nortman outpointed David Kambule, 10 (Transvaal welterweight title). Martin Barnard outscored Champion Mokone, six, light heavies. Neil Lang outpointed David Kgotsane, four, welters. Ephraim Mgema halted Lee Visagie, two, junior middles. Deon Labuschagne outpointed Nick Masondo, four, catch weights.
(3-07-81)

▲ **SPRINGS—Kwa Thema Civic Centre**—Peet Bothma retained his South African lightweight crown, halting Tsietsi Maretloane in round 11.

Bothma started like a whirlwind, throwing everything he had, and Maretloane was taken completely out of his stride.

Paulus Pulumo knocked out Marshall Malindi, three, lightweights. Basil Meintjies halted Joseph Squdla, four, light heavyweights. Enoch Mazibulo outpointed Steve Nkomo, four, bantams. Sybrand Oelofse outpointed Canny Mashele, four, lights. Welcome Mande stopped Frans Kies, two, light heavies. Johannes Miya outscored Johannes Sithebe, 10.

JAPANESE RATINGS BY THE JAPANESE BOXING COMMISSION (AS OF MARCH 17, 1981)

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Champion
James Callaghan
1. Caesar Sasaki
2. Kenji Shibata
3. Tsutomu Okamoto
4. Gensui Murakami

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Michihiro Horihata
1. Masahide Kitamura
2. Minoru Ono
3. Tarzan Tobaru
4. Mamoru Tiara
5. Kazuhiko Yasuda

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Akio Kameda
1. Dynamite Matsuo
2. Yohi Arai
3. Mitsuo Kushikino
4. Katsuhiro Sawada
5. Kazumi Nakao
6. Ikuya Toshinai

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Noboru Hatakeyama
1. Eiichi Fukumoto
2. Minoru Sugiya
3. Kazunori Shiratori
4. Nobutaka Kuwata
5. Tadashi Suginaga
6. Kirk Fujimoto
7. Tatsuya Moriyasu
8. Fire Kaneda
9. Hidekazu Akai

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Battle Hawk Kazama
1. Jyoken Narita
2. Hayao Shiba
3. Tsunehiro Fuchiwaki
4. Katsuhiro Okubo
5. Tadao Ishido
6. Kaneatsu Yamamoto
7. Sann Minsah Koga
8. Mitsuo Ohashi
9. Gen Akutsu
10. Yasuo Hasegawa

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
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Vacant
1. Masa Ito
2. Gen Tosa
3. Yoshitaka Ikehara
4. Katsuji Sano
5. Blazer Okubo
6. Shigetaka Otake
7. Takeshi Hamada
8. Ken Sogo
9. Keizo Kurebayashi
10. Taijiro Niyama

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Spider Nemoto
1. Yoshimitsu Azato
2. Koichi Matsushima
3. Tomio Nakamura
4. Jonny Fujimoto
5. Hiroshi Gonohe
6. Fusao Imai
7. Kuniyoshi Kuwabara
8. Kosei Kawaguchi
9. Yasuhide Takahashi
10. Tomoharu Yamamoto

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Champion
Hiroyuki Iwamoto
1. Bunji Ando
2. Kenichi Ito
3. Sanji Ito
4. Kiyoshi Nagashima
5. Naoki Kobayashi
6. Dragon Hayakawa
7. Jyo Tatsuki
8. Noboru Ishimine
9. Hirokazu Fukui
10. Keiji Kawamura

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Hurricane Teru
1. Hitoshi Ishigaki
2. Yuji Oka
3. Takashi Uezu
4. Ryu Takeshi
5. Tsuguyuki Toba
6. Katsuyuki Ohashi
7. Masaru Yamamoto
8. Kenzo Takasugi
9. Toshiyuki Tanaka

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Jackal Maruyama
1. Satoru Koguchi
2. Hitoshi Ohashi
3. Hiroyuki Kobayashi
4. Takeshisa Nakajima
5. Kazumi Sato
6. Tsutomu Itokazu
7. Yasuo Azato
8. Hirohisa Iino
9. Kazuhiko Kawahira
10. Osamu Kazuo

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1. Koki Ishii
2. Koichi Maki
3. Nobuyuki Watanabe
4. Ken Kasugai
5. Koji Kobayashi
6. Shinji Suga
7. Toshihiro Okumoto
8. Goichi Oshi
9. Masaru Fuji
10. Yoshiyuki Uchikoshi

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Champion
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2. Tadashi Tomori
3. Hiroyuki Tada
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Japanese boxers holding world titles: Yasutsune Uehara (junior lightweight), Shoji Oguma (flyweight).

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ORIENT

JAPAN

▲ **TOKYO — Korakuen Hall** — Southpaw Michihiro Horihata, 154, retained his Japanese junior middleweight crown with a unanimous decision over Mitsuo Kushikino, 150, the JBC's top ranked contender, 10. The 5'10" Horihata, about three inches taller than Kushikino, opened a gash high on Mitsuo's forehead in the first round. Scoring: referee Takeo Ugo and judge Yusaku Yoshida, both 99-95; judge Hiroyuki Tezaki, 100-94. Horihata is now 18-13-2 with 14 knockouts. Kushikino, a frequent loser in OPBF and Japanese title bouts, is 13-11 with nine kayoes.

Jackal Maruyama, 115, retained his national bantam title, stopping Tsutomu Itokazu, 114¾, at 2:34 of the sixth round. The 5'4" Maruyama had little difficulty coping with the southpaw style of the challenger. The champ started his whirlwind attack early, but was a bit slower and less accurate than usual. The end came when Maruyama pinned Itokazu to the ropes in the sixth round. The ref declared a "rope down," started counting, and, when Tsutomu reeled like a sleepwalker, continued the count right through "10." Official scoring after five rounds: referee Shoichi Uchida, 49-48, Maruyama; judge Ken Morita, 50-48, Maruyama; judge Yusaku Yoshida, 49-49.

The 27-year-old Maruyama is now 16-4-1 with nine kayoes. He's now scheduled to face Argentina's Gustavo Ballas in a semi-final elimination bout for the WBA's new junior bantamweight title. Itokazu, 24, is now 3-2-1 with two kayoes. Tsutomu had plenty of amateur experience at Takushoku University, but he was too hesitant against the nonstop attacks of the champion.

Yutaku Itoi, 134¼, scored an upset knockout over Ryo Asuka, 135, in 2:47 of the fourth round in a scheduled eight-round contest. Itoi, 21, is now 6-3-2 with six kayoes.

Isao Takashima, 118, utilized his height and reach advantages to win a unanimous (60-57, 59-57, 58-57) decision, six.

Mitsuaki Kikuchi, 120, won a unanimous decision over Akira Shimizu, 119¾, four. Kikuchi is now 5-1-1 with two kayoes.

Etsu Oyama, 117, dropped Sai Kuraoka, also 117, with a sharp left hook, then knocked him out with a straight right in 1:50 of the first session in the four-round opener. Both were making their pro debuts.

Co-promoted by J.R.J. Kokusai and Kyoei Yamagami Promotions. TBS-TV.

Attendance—1,800.
(2-24-81)

▲ **TOKYO — Korakuen Hall** — Former Japanese junior flyweight champion Shuichi Hozumi, 111, made his first appearance since his loss to OPBF flyweight champion Hong-Soo Yang and won a majority decision over Nobuyuki Watanabe, also 111, 10. A short right hand put Hozumi down in the final round.

The official scoresheets were as follows: referee Ken Morita and judge Shoji Nakamori, both 98-96, Hozumi; judge Shoichi Uchida, 97-97.

Hozumi, the WBA's sixth ranked contender, is now 14-1 with three kayoes. Watanabe, 27, is 14-9-2 with nine knockouts. Hozumi is just 20 years of age and stands 5'7"—four inches taller than Watanabe.

Sensationally hard hitting Tsuyoshi Hamada, 132, a southpaw, stretched his brilliant record to 8-1 with eight kayoes as he battered Takeshi Fukui, also 132, into submission at 1:44 of the eighth round in the scheduled 10-round semi-final. Hamada, former All-Japan High School Amateur Champ, is now ranked seventh by the JBC. His amateur record was 37-6 with 28 stoppages. Fukui, a durable fighter and an ex-kick boxer, is 7-8-1 with four kayoes.

Lanky Masahiro Takagi, 126, won a unanimous (79-77, 78-77, 79-76) decision over crouching southpaw Joe Hayato, also 126, eight.

Coming back from a long lay-off (since April, 1980), Hiroyuki Yatsu, 126, dropped Shinji Futamura, also 126, twice in round two and once more—for the count—in 0:22 of the third round in a scheduled six-rounder. Yatsu, 19, is 6-2-1 with five kayoes.

Toku Terakado, 110¼, halted Kazuhiko Baba, 111¾, at 1:37 of the second in a scheduled four.

Ikuo Watanabe, 108, and Kazunori Maeyama, also 108, drew, four, in the curtain raiser.

Teiken Promotions. TV Asahi.

Attendance—1,600.
(2-10-81)

▲ **TOKYO — Korakuen Hall** — Shuichi Isogami, 120½, the WBA's eighth ranked bantamweight, TKO'd Masaru Yamamoto, 122½, at 0:43 of the seventh in a scheduled 10-rounder. Referee Shoichi Uchida stopped the contest to save Masaru further punishment.

This was Isogami's first bout since his kayo loss to Hurricane Teru in one round last December.

Koji (Dragon) Hayakawa, 125¼, floored Sun-Woo Chung, 125, Korea's fourth ranked feather, with a southpaw right hook in the first round. Chung recovered well, however, and Hayakawa had to settle for a majority decision at the end of the eight-rounder. Referee Takeo Ugo had it 78-75, judge Kazunobu Asao carded 77-75, and judge Shoichi Uchida saw it as a draw, 76-76. The climax of the fight was reached in the fifth round, when Chung dropped Hayakawa with a vicious right. The lefty beat the count and mixed it up with the Korean without taking so much as a backward step.

Hayakawa is now 6-3 with three kayoes. He's just 20 years of age.

Kazutoshi Ishibashi, 130, halted 37-year-old Kazuaki Yukawa, 131, at 2:39 of the fifth round in a scheduled six-rounder. A bad gash under the right eye forced Yukawa to retire.

Four-rounders: Hiroyuki Yamashita, 117¼, won unanimous decision over Katsuhiko Fukugomori, 117. Southpaw Kazuhiro Ikeda, 108, outpointed Masayuki Nakamura, also 108. Kenji Ono, 106¾, stopped Tomoyoshi Iwafuji, 106, at 2:09 of the second. Hiroyasu Kato, 111¼, outscored Yoshiyuki Uchida, also 111¼. Shizuo Iwamoto, 118¼, halted Akira Saito, 117½, at 2:29 of the first. Shunzo Kanehisa, 129¼, outpointed Kazuo Nakata, 129½, in the opener.

Co-promoted by Shin-Nippon Saito and Shinto Promotions.

Attendance—2,000.
(2-07-81)

▲ **TOKYO — Korakuen Hall** — National junior featherweight boss Hiroyuki Iwamoto, 122, overcame cuts on his forehead and both sides of his face to retain his crown with a unanimous decision over southpaw Joe Tatsuki, 120¾, Osaka, 10.

The 5'5" champ, who bled profusely, moved in and out, befuddling the slower challenger with busy combinations. Tatsuki failed to win any round except the seventh, when he shook the champ up with some solid lefts.

The official scoring was as follows: referee Yusaku Yoshida, 99-95; judge Takeshi Shimakawa, 100-96; judge Shoichi Uchida, 99-95—all for the defending champion. Iwamoto is

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now 18-6-3 with four kayoes. Tatsuki is 10-4 with six knockouts.

Former Japanese bantamweight champion Hitoshi Ishigaki, 121¼, won a unanimous decision over Noboru Ishimine, 122, in a supporting 10. Scoring: referee Hiroyuki Tezaki, 99-95; judge Ken Morita, 99-94; judge Yusaku Yoshida, 98-93. Ishigaki, 27, is now 9-2 with six kayoes. Ishimine, 25, is 13-7-2 with six knockouts. He's now piloted by former world champion Fighting Harada, now the president of Tao Fighting Club.

Fusao Imai, 128, TKO'd Hiroshi Kosuge, also 128, at 1:40 of the fourth round in a scheduled eight. Imai, 24, who fights somewhat like Henry Armstrong, is now 9-1-2 with three kayoes. Kosuge is 6-7-1 with four knockouts.

Four-rounders: Kiyomasa Kato, 139½, knocked out Kozo Fukutani, 139¾, in 1:24 of the second. Makoto Taguchi, 119¼, floored Nikuo Nodate, also 119¼, with a straight right in round two and won via unanimous decision. Hitoshi Ogino, 108, won a shutout unanimous duke over Tomoaki Takahashi, 107. Kazuo Katsuma, 116¾, won unanimous decision over slower Taneo Kodama, 117, in the opener.

Yonekura Promotions. Fuji TV

Attendance—1,800.

(2-26-81)

▲ **OSAKA — Prefectural Gymnasium —** Masahide Kitamura, 159¼, halted Masami Yoshinaga, 165¾, at 0:33 of the third round in their scheduled 10-round affair. A right hand was the haymaker. Ryogi Kashiwagi was the referee.

Kitamura is now 10-2 with nine kayoes. The oft beaten Yoshinaga is 7-26-1.

Chong-Pyo Kim, 129, Korea's second ranked junior lightweight, made his debut in Japan by winning a unanimous decision over southpaw Yoshiharu Watanabe, 128¼, eight. The scores were 79-75, 80-74, and 79-76.

Four-rounder: Tadashi Kawano, 126, knocked out more experienced Kenji Miyagi, 125¾, in 1:16 of the fourth. Ken Amakusa, 164, and Toru Nakanishi, 164¼, drew. Hitoshi Iwamoto, 121, dropped Nobuo Higuchi, also 121, before referee Yasuda called a halt at 2:29 of the third round. Higuchi is now 0-5. Hideo Sakamoto, 112, won a unanimous decision over Katsunori Nagamoto, 111. Both were making their pro debuts. Akihiro Okazaki, 105½, outpointed Kimiya Kozasa, 102½, in the curtain raiser.

Shinko Boxing Club.

Attendance—3,100.

(2-16-81)

▲ **NAGOYA — Fukiage Hall —** Ken Sogo, 126¾, won a unanimous decision over local favorite Hirokazu Fukui, 128, the JBC's eighth ranked junior featherweight at fight time. Fukui went down twice in the third and 10th rounds.

The official scoring for the 10-round bout was: referee Takaomi Ito, 99-95; judge Masao Kato, 98-95; judge Kiyoshi Kondo, 99-96—all in favor of Sogo. The sinner is now 7-21-1 (Yes—21 defeats!) with six kayoes. Fukui, who lost in a tremendous upset, is 16-3-5 with eight knockouts.

Masahiro Yanagitani, 112, studied the opening attacks of 34-year-old Ryuji Ichinomiya, 108¾, and floored him twice in the fourth session. A towel was tossed in at 1:14 of the round, giving Yanagitani his third kayo win in 16 fights. He's now 8-6-2.

Takashi Otsuka, 127, polished off Yoshiaki Takemoto, 127¼, in 1:52 of the first with two knockdowns in a scheduled six-rounder.

Four-rounders: Hideki Godai, 124¼, put Kitaro Nakajima, 126, on the deck in the closing seconds of the first round and finished him at 0:55 of the second. Kiyoshi Nonaka, 127¼, kayoed Shugo Kawano, 127¾, in 1:53 of the first round. Junya Hamada, 122, spoiled the pro debut of Akio Yamashita, 120½, with a shutout unanimous decision. (Every round, however, was close.) Masayuki Inoue, 117¾, bloodied up the face of Masataka Kataoka, 118, and won a unanimous decision. Takahiro Kishioka, 121½, halted Isoroku Yamamoto, 120½, at 2:12 of the first session in the opener.

Tokoname Promotions.

Attendance—1,500.

(2-14-81)

▲ **TOKYO — Korakuen Hall —** Hirohisa, Iino, 116, survived a first round knockdown, sent Zenichi Hasegawa, 116¾, to the deck with a body punch in the fourth, and won a unanimous decision, eight. Scoring: referee Tezaki, 78-75; judge Asao, 78-73; judge Shimakawa, 78-76.

Yoshiaki Nojima, 107¾, was held to a split draw by Yoshiaki Kanda, also 107¾, in the evening's first eight-rounder. Scoring: referee Uchida, 79-77, Nojima; judge Kumazaki, 78-78; judge Shimakawa, 79-79. It was a dull fight.

Mutsuo Watanabe, 113½, stopped Shintaro Hirose, 111¾, at 2:03 of the fourth round in a scheduled six.

Four-rounders: Masahide Ikehara, 125, and Katsuji Kudo, 126, drew. Hiroaki Noji, 130, outscored Susumu Asami, 129½. Norio Hasegawa, 118, outpointed Akihito Ibo, 116¼. Kazumi Hamakawa, 106½, outscored Kazuaka Ito, also 106½, in the opener.

King Promotions.

Attendance—1,000.

(2-22-81)

KOREA

▲ **PUSAN — Kudok Gymnasium —** Former WBC junior welterweight champion Sang-Hyun Kim won a majority decision over Kwang-Min Kim the WBC's eighth ranked lightweight, in a 10-round rematch. Sang-Hyun, a lefty, had outscored, the short but sturdy Kwang-Min last September.

Sang-Hyun attacked Kwan-Min's midsection in the early rounds, but the latter came back with some rallies in the second half. Sang-Hyun's early lead, however, gave him the decision.

(1-23-81)

▲ **TAEGU — Indoor Gymnasium —** Former WBC junior flyweight champion Sung-Jun Kim, ranked fourth by the WBA and WBC, halted Ben Dayodan, Thailand, at 1:04 of the first round in a scheduled 10-round main event.

Hwang-Jin Kim, the WBA's top ranked junior flyweight, kayoed Bemi Dayodan, Thailand, in 1:40 of the second in a scheduled companion 10. Bemi is Ben's brother.

(1-11-81)

▲ **SEOUL — Munhwa Gymnasium —** Chul-Sung Hwang, one of the best boxers to come out of the Asian Amateur Games, stretched his pro log to 3-0 with a unanimous decision over Jiro Takada (AKA Yuji Oka), 10. The Japanese veteran bantamweight absorbed a rain of punches, mostly consisting of Hwang's fine one-two-three combos to the face.

(1-25-81)

▲ **SEOUL —** Up-and-coming welter Sang-Ho Lee, knocked out Dony Soriano of the Philippines with a beautiful one-two combo to the chin in the fifth canto of a scheduled 10.

(1-18-81)

▲ **SEOUL — Munhwa Gymnasium —** Korean junior middleweight champion Sang-Ho Lee and Korean middle champion Byung-Rae Yuh drew, 10. Lee, a southpaw, who had stopped Yuh in the fifth round in their first encounter, was not in good shape, and the bout was a total war.

(1-11-81)

PHILIPPINES

▲ **PASAY CITY—**Melchor Degsi, 116½, halted Allan Jardenil, also 116½, the GAB's seventh ranked junior bantam, in the ninth frame of their scheduled 10-rounder. Degsi was named Fighter of the Month in the Philippines by the Board.

Flash Romeo, 139½, won a unanimous decision over Al Rodrigo, 141, 10.

Felixberto Jardenil, promoter.

(1-17-81)

▲ **MANILA—Elorde Sports Complex—**Geron Porras, 131, won a unanimous decision over Erning Grafe, 130, 10. Porras is the GAB's top ranked junior lightweight.

Eddie Camero, 129, TKO'd Virgilio Berdeflor, 128, in the ninth round of their scheduled 10.

Galorde Enterprises.

(1-31-81)

▲ **CAG. DE ORO CITY—**Ver Libradilla, 113, won a unanimous decision over Jun Garcia, 112, 10.

Flash Jagdon, 116, won an easy unanimous verdict over Ric Barimbad, also 116, 10.

Up-and-coming Leo Kaki, 120, won unanimous decision over Carlos Aradora, 120, in the program's first 10-rounder.

Antonio Almirante, promoter.

(1-31-81)

▲ **DAVAO CITY—**Former national champion Billy Abato, 115½, won a split decision over Henry Pepito, 118, 10.

Ric Diamale, 120, another former national champ, won a unanimous decision over Efren Guinieta, 122, 10.

Jun Diamale, 122, won a unanimous decision over Leo Lancian, 120½, in the evening's first 10-rounder affair.

Julian Tan, Jr., promoter.

(1-24-81)

▲ **ILOCOS SUR—**Young de la Cruz, 144, won a unanimous decision over Erning Marin, 145, 10.

Efren Nazal, promoter.

(1-24-81)

▲ **ILOCOS NORTE—**Hard hitting Max (Boy) Toyogon, 113, halted Louis Amor, 134, in the second session of a 10-round main event.

Grego Garcia, promoter.

(1-11-81)

▲ **MANILA—Eduardo's Super Club—**Gener Cruz, 126, fought to a majority draw with Thai junior featherweight champion Dejvarin Hollywood, 125½, 10.

Danilo Limpaphan, 145½, won a unanimous decision over Petchsayarm Petcharern, also 145½, Thailand, 10. Petchsayarm is a cousin of former WBC junior welter champion Saensak Muangsurin.

Paciencia Hitosis, promoter.

(1-03-81)

THAILAND

▲ **U-BOLRAJTHANI PROVINCE—**Thai welterweight champion Satanfa S. Pratip, 147, won a unanimous decision over former Korean junior welter boss Dong-Bok Lee, 142, 10. All three officials scored it 47-45.

(1-31-81)

▲ **BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium—**Sakolnakorn Kiatmuangtrang, 115, won an upset verdict over Changdang Singchuevung, 114, the TBC's 10th ranked flyweight, six. Kiatmuangtrang is now 11-0 with seven kayoes.

(2-10-81)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**Narsai Charlermchaigym, 116, outscored Narongsuk Lookchaopraya, also

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10. Danielo Inocian (Philippines)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Tadashi Mihara (Japan)
1. Sang-Ho Lee (Korea)
2. Aquilino Nicolas, Jr. (Philippines)
3. Michihiro Horihata (Japan)
4. Alex Temelkov (Australia)
5. In-Chul Baek (Korea)
6. Steve Dennis (Australia)
7. Masahide Kitamura (Japan)
8. Armando Boniquit (Philippines)
9. Chung-Yul Lee (Korea)
10. Minoru Ono (Japan)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Young-Sae-Oh (Korea)
1. Tae-Jin Munh (Korea)
2. Francis Camatagan (Philippines)
3. Wan-Chul Kim (Korea)
4. Paul Ferreri (Australia)
5. Masa Ito (Japan)
6. Dorn Sornsakdisith (Thailand)
7. Geron Porras (Philippines)
8. Gen Tosa (Japan)
9. Vechayun Senaphitak (Thailand)
10. Chong-Pyo Kim (Korea)

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
William Develos (Philippines)
1. Suban Muangsurin (Thailand)
2. Diego de Villa (Philippines)
3. Mun-Kyun Joo (Korea)
4. Phaktai Lipovitan D. (Thailand)
5. Pablo Pepito (Philippines)
6. Satoru Koguchi (Japan)
7. Yung-Shik Kim (Korea)
8. Ali Baba Luklongtan (Thailand)
9. Hitoshi Ohashi (Japan)
10. Kwang-Sop Kim (Korea)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Chung-Jae Hwang (Korea)
1. Satanfa S. Pratip (Thailand)
2. Mike de Guzman (Philippines)
3. Akio Kameda (Japan)
4. Chun-Sok Hwang (Korea)
5. Frank Ropis (Australia)
6. Kwang-Yul Oh (Korea)
7. Danilo Limpahan (Philippines)
8. Dynamite Matsuo (Japan)
9. Jae-Hyung Yuh (Korea)
10. Saensak Muangsurin (Thailand)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Royal Kobayashi (Japan)
1. Hwan-Kil Yuh (Korea)
2. Dae-Hwan Lee (Korea)
3. Kid Hasan (Indonesia)
4. Ahn Hyun (Korea)
5. Gener Cruz (Philippines)
6. Yoshimitsu Azato (Japan)
7. Nugprachun Kiatkumchai (Thailand)
8. Dedkad Kiatbunyong (Thailand)
9. Koichi Matsushima (Japan)
10. Lulu Villaverde (Philippines)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Hong-Soo Yang (Korea)
1. Kap-Chul Shin (Korea)
2. Koki Ishii (Japan)
3. Frank Cedeno (Philippines)
4. Kazumasa Tamaki (Japan)
5. Dan Pisalchai (Thailand)
6. Steve Bell (Australia)
7. In-Wan Hwang (Korea)
8. Phichitsuk Korusayarm (Thailand)
9. Melchor Degsi (Philippines)
10. Yuon-Hee Kim (Korea)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Thomas Americo (Indonesia)
1. Kyung-Hwan Chae (Korea)
2. Eduard Heneral (Philippines)
3. Noboru Hatakeyama (Japan)
4. Kongrug Vocharernrat (Thailand)
5. Jeff Malcolm (Australia)
6. Joe Lim (Philippines)
7. Mohamad Solikin (Indonesia)
8. Tae-hun Park (Korea)
9. Peter Berrigan (Australia)
10. Petchayarm Petcharern (Thailand)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Willie Lucas (Philippines)
1. Hiroyuki Iwamoto (Japan)
2. Dejavarin Hollywood (Thailand)
3. Rey Naduma, Jr. (Philippines)
4. Brian Roberts (Australia)
5. Bong-Ho Yang (Korea)
6. Bunji Ando (Japan)
7. Neptali Alamag (Philippines)
8. Min-Keun Oh (Korea)
9. Kenichi Ito (Japan)
10. Venice Borkorsor (Thailand)

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Yong-Hyun Kim (Korea)
1. Siony Carupo (Philippines)
2. Soon-Yun Mah (Korea)
3. Masaharu Inami (Japan)
4. Chukthep Chuvatana (Thailand)
5. Chong-Chul Park (Korea)
6. Juanito Ablaca (Philippines)
7. Junior Thompson (Australia)
8. Katsuo Tokashiki (Japan)
9. Manaseh Base (Philippines)
10. Tadashi Tomori (Japan)

The Oriental & Pacific Boxing Federation does not rate boxers currently rated by world boxing organizations.

WORLDWIDE FIGHT RESULTS

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Larry Holmes outpointed Trevor Berbick, 15 (Retained World Title)
Greg Page knocked out Marty Monroe, 6
Michael Dokes defeated Randall (Tex) Cobb, 10
S.T. Gordon outpointed David Smith, 12
Pernell Fairley stopped Lee Mitchell, 7
Stan Ward defeated John Ellis, 12 (Retained California State Title)
Pat Duncan knocked out Joe Wade, 5
Mark Lee decisioned Arnold Sam, 6
Parnell Fairley TKO'd Lee Mitchell, 7
Carlton Elijah Tillery knocked out Milton Hopkins, 1
Clifford Stephen decisioned Barry Funches, 8
Rick Jester Kayoed Frank Draper, 2
Charles Hostettor knocked out Zack Ferguson, 3

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Michael Spinks knocked out Marvin Johnson, 4
Chris Schwenke kayoed Lalo Rascon, 1
Jim Kinchen defeated Jimmy Owens, 6
Charles Singleton TKO'd Charles Roye, 3
Abelardo Ramos and Vincente Medina, drew, 6
Juan Tyrone Hernandez iced Wayne Fleming, 1
Jamie Olatundi TKO'd Charles Henderson, 4

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Sugar Ray Seales kayoed Sammy NeSmith, 5 (Won NABF Title)
Mark Holmes knocked out Larry Duran, 4
Hector Negrete was defeated by Mardo Royball, 6
Kenneth Styles iced Leon Taylor, 3
Steve Small and Dann McAloon, drew
Haleen Abdul Muhammad knocked out William White, 6
Steve Schwan Kayoed Arnell Thomas, 5
Bruce Strauss defeated School Boy Backer, 6
Tommy Merola decisioned Mark Maniero, 8
Jake Torrance TKO'd Rick Valdez, 3
Caveman Lee iced Costello King, 3
Dave Braxton bombed Charlie Peterson, 1
Vito Antuofermo defeated Mauricio Aidana, 10
Fred Johnson TKO'd Paul Stevens, 5
Manuel Melon knocked out Ralph Bell, 1
James Shuler kayoed Robert Thomas, 4
Artie McCloud knocked out Willie "Pop" Nance, 4
Joe Tiberi defeated Feliciano Contron, 10
John Collins iced Mike West, 1
Robbie Epps defeated Dwight Davison, 10

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Victor Martinez TKO'd Chris Linson, 6
Don Curry bombed Rigoberto Lopez, 2
Graylin Curry iced Fahim Muhammad, 6
Johnny Fanea knocked out Julian Monrose, 2
Tony Ayala stopped Mario Maldonado, 3
Davey Moore knocked out Tony Suero, 4
"Irish" Dominic Fox decisioned Raul Hernandez, 6
Steve Williams kayoed Bill O'Conner, 3
Rafael Aguero defeated Dario de Haza, 8
Tony Braxton outpointed Al Clay, 10

WELTERWEIGHTS

Sugar Ray Leonard kayoed Larry Bonds, 10 (Retained World Title)
Robert Young TKO'd Willie Thomas, 2
Pat Hallacy knocked out Billy O'Connor, 3
Pete Ranzany knocked out John Cooper, 4
Bruce Finch stopped Pepe Dominguez, 10 (Won NABF Title)
Kevin Morgan kayoed Clarence Howard, 7
Anthony Releford outpointed Mickey Webb, 6
Ron Gibbons flattened Tyrone Moore, 1
Fred Mejia TKO'd Bobby Brown, 2

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

Leroy Haley outpointed Willie Rodriguez, 12 (Won USBA Title)
Frankie Davis kayoed David Welch, 2
Johnny Bumphus stopped Jackie Morrell, 4
Bill Costello outpointed Marvin Jenkins, 10
Darrell Chambers TKO'd Abdul Farakham, 2

Amateur Ratings

HEAVYWEIGHTS
1-Joe Thomas, Montgomery County, Pa.
2-Michael Arms, Milwaukee, Wisc.
3-Craig Payne, Detroit
4-Kevin Morris Sheeley, Minneapolis
5-Tyrone Biggs, Philadelphia
6-Greg Stallings, Trenton, Tenn.
7-Brian Westmoreland, St. Louis
8-Carl Williams, New York City
9-Tony Robitaille, Colchester, Vt.
10-Joe Ballard, Lynchburg, Va.
Andrew Stokes, Lafayette, Ind.

178 LBS.
1-Johnny Williams, Chicago
2-Jose Ribalta, Miami
3-Lonnie Epps, Los Angeles
4-Bernard Gordon, Jackson, Tenn.
5-Zewat Hughes, Cleveland
6-Jesse Shelby, Honolulu
7-Stanley Smith, Omaha
8-David Sears, New York City
9-Alan Dale Wilburn, Sciotoville, Ohio
10-Kelvin Beatty, Knoxville, Tenn.
Bobby Percifield, Dallas

165 LBS.
1-Donald Vincent Lee, Houston
2-Randy Smith, Chicago
3-Pedro Van Raamsdonk, Los Angeles
4-Rodney Green, Detroit
5-William Trendley, St. Louis
6-Dennis Milton, New York City
7-Andy May, Clarksville, Ark.
8-Andy Schott, New Paltz, N.Y.
9-Michael Grogan, Atlanta
10-Dawud Shaw, Philadelphia
Herbert Garrion, Rosewell, N.M..

156 LBS.
1-Alfred Mayes, St. Louis
2-Brian Matthews, Chicago
3-Derrick Drane, Honolulu
4-Charles Campbell, Knoxville
5-David McCall, Des Moines
6-John David Jackson Jr., Seattle
7-Joe Gray, Boynton Beach, Fla.
8-Joe Spitler, Hutchinson, Kans.
9-Robert Minnifield, Lafayette, La
10-Timothy Hembrick, Detroit
Chris Reid, Plainfield, N.J.

147 LBS.
1-Manuel Vallejo, Los Angeles
2-Lewis Howard, St. Louis
3-Darryl Robinson, Houston
4-Gene Hatcher, Fort Worth
5-Tim Christensen, Marines
6-Roman George, Lafayette, La.
7-Darrell Stubblefield, Spokane
8-Mark Breland, Brooklyn, N.Y.
9-Willie Harris, Philadelphia
10-Alan Hetrick, Tampa, Fla.

139 LBS.
1-Henry Hughes, Cleveland
2-Vincent Webb, St. Louis
3-Vincent Releford, Fort Worth
4-Robin Blake, Levelland, Tex.
5-Arnold Wells, Davison, Mich.
6-Jerry Page, Columbus
7-James Mitchell, Army
8-Brett Summers, Everett, Wash.
9-John Puente, Toledo
10-Michael Johns, Louisville
David Collet, Metairie, La.

132 LBS.
1-Joe Manley, Army
2-Primo Ramos, Chicago
3-Billy White, St. Louis
4-Frankie Randall, Morristown, Tenn.
5-Kenny Taylor, Cleveland
6-Timmy Rabon, Lafayette, La.
7-Michael Dominguez, New York City
8-Chris Silva, Corpus Christi, Tex.
9-Ramon Estrada, Tucson
10-Richard Laster, Miami
Manuel Martinez, Ogden, Utah

125 LBS.
1-Rodney Watts, Columbus, Ohio
2-Clifford Gray, Boynton Beach, Fla.
3-Shelton LeBlanc, Carencro, La.
4-Irving Mitchell, Army
5-Dino Ramirez, La Puente Calif.
6-Joe Johnson, Detroit
7-James Cooper, St. Louis
8-Charlie Brown, Chicago
9-Ray Robert Nash, Minneapolis
10-Johnny Greene, Wichita Falls, Tex.

119 LBS.
1-Steve Cruz, Fort Worth
2-Richard Savage, West Monroe, La.
3-Tony Montoya, Salt Lake City
4-William Johnson, Washington, D.C.
5-Tommy Ayers, Cincinnati
6-John Collins, Jackson, Tenn.
7-Larry Gary, Phoenix
8-Randy King, Nashville
9-Ronald Byrd, Flint, Mich.
10-Raymond Evans, Philadelphia
Hurley Snead, Detroit

112 LBS.
1-Robert Shannon, Edmonds, Wash.
2-Ronnie Rentz, Albuquerque
3-Conrad Sanchez, Austin, Tex.
4-Ronald Freeman, St. Louis
5-Floyd Favors, Washington, D.C.
6-Joe DeVoll, Fall River, Mass.
7-Rocky Young, Moundsville, W. Va.
8-Roosevelt McCullum, Chicago
9-Darryl Savoy, Lafayette, La.
10-Jeff Hanna, Indianapolis
Luis Hernandez, New York City

106 LBS.
1-Jesse Benavides, Corpus Christi, Tex.
2-Israel Acosta, Milwaukee
3-Steve McCrory, Detroit
4-Paul Gonzales, Los Angeles
5-Jose Rosario, Paterson, N.J.
6-Alex Silva, Los Angeles
7-Terry McNeil, Knoxville
8-Lee Cargle, Hutchinson, Kans.
9-Joe Martinez, Fresno
10-Dolphin Moody, St. Louis
Joe Roach, Dedham, Mass.

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Miguel Montilla decisioned Antonio Cruz, 10
Jose Miguel Antonetti knocked out Kenny Loma, 1
Roberto Elizondo kayoed Pablo Gomez, 4
Charlie Brown knocked out Marion Thomas, 1

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Sean O'Grady outpointed Hilmer Kenty, 15 (Won WBA Title)
Claude Noel Knocked out Gaetan Hart, 3
Nick Furlano decisioned Johnny Lira, 10
Refugio Rojas TKO'd Oscar Castro, 3
Sterling McPherson bombed Gilbert Favella, 3
Petronilo Velasquez decisioned Raul Morales, 8
Ruben Munoz kayoed Rolondo Rodriguez, 1
Jorge Nina was disqualified against, Livingstone Branble, 2
Reyes Antonio Cruz defeated Gustavo de la Cruz, 6
Hector Camacho iced Robert Johnson, 1
Johnny Sato kayoed Roberto Garcia, 4
Antonio Sanchez whipped Juan Rodriguez, 4
Ronnie Shields kayoed Faustino Pena, 7
James "Bubba" Busceme decisioned Patu Duran, 12
Louie Hubela stopped Jose Figueroa, 3
Manuel de Larosa whipped Felix Thereaux, 3
Ray (Boom Boom) Mancini decisioned Al Ford, 10

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

Samuel Serrano outscored Yasutsune Uehara, 15 (Regained World Title)
Paul DeVorce kayoed James Livingston, 2
Tony Santana TKO'd Bobby Alexander, 6
Hector Camacho defeated Herman Ingram, 6
Richard Lord knocked out Lalo Martinez, 3
Jose Nieto knocked out Frederick Figueroa, 2
Leonardo Moreno kayoed Noel Arriesgado, 3
Bobby Chacon flattened Leon Smith, 3
Frank Solorio decisioned Frank Lopez, 6
Joe Eaton defeated Gus Olmos, 6
Roosevelt Rico knocked out Juan Rodriguez, 2
Ken (Bang Bang) Bonger kayoed Marty Kirkland, 2

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Salvador Sanchez TKO'd Roberto Castanon, 10 (Retained World Title)
Graciela Casillas kayoed Debra Wright, 6
Freddie Roach decisioned Jose Resendez, 10
Juan "Kid" Meza knocked out Javier Flores, 8
Valerio Nati slashed Vicente Rodriguez, 5 (Retained European Title)
Diego Rosario kayoed Leo Lopez, 4
Angel Rodriguez knocked out Lorenzo Guzman, 8
Rochelle Ragsdale knocked out Angel Rodriguez, 1
Joaquin Acuna outpointed Benabe Montanes, 10

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS

Sergio Palma outpointed Leonardo Cruz, 15 (Retained WBA Title)
Oscar Muniz knocked out Carlos Zuniga, 7
Javier Barajas TKO'd Alberto Ariosi, 2
Jaime Garza knocked out Hector Cortez, 1
Wayne Lynum whipped Ernesto Gonzalez, 2

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Jeff Chandler and Eijiro Murata drew, 15 (Chandler Retained World Title)
Ricardo Sandoval kayoed Frankie Granados, 2
Henry Lee Brent decisioned Edwin Santiago, 6
Don Nisivoccia iced Mel Boynton, 2
Elias DeLeon defeated Sil Martinez, 10
Johnny Compo outpointed Earl Stringer, 8
Jose Jimenez outpointed Tito Roque Ramirez, 10
Enrique Sanchez Kayoed Manny Santos, 6

FLYWEIGHTS

Santos Lacier knocked out Peter Mathebula, 7 (Won WBA flyweight title)
Antonio Neri Maria defeated Elpididio de Paula, 10
Johnny del la Rosa kayoed Pedro Jose Diaz, 4
Julio Soto Solano decisioned Raul Diaz, 12
Rafael Orono outpointed Sun-Yun Kim, 10
Norberto Castellano outpointed Carlos Gomez, 10

116, six. Narsai is the TBC's sixth ranked junior bantamweight.
(2-04-81)

▲ **BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Southpaw Ratanachai Punvit, 110, won a unanimous decision over Wonchai Sorpengpis, 109, six.
(2-03-81)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Kaosai Vungchomphoo, 118, polished off Prasong Sithkempetch, also 118, in the first round of their scheduled six.
(1-26-81)

▲ **BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Barbtorani Luklumpakchee, 118, won the Stadium bantamweight title by kayoing Facomron Vibulchai, also 118, in the first frame of a scheduled 10-rounder. Vibulchai was dropped twice—the second time for the full 10-count.

This was a tremendous upset. Vibulchai lost a split decision to Miguel Canto in a bid for the world flyweight title in Houston on November 20, 1978.
(1-23-81)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Ekaluk Singnakornlong, 122, won a unanimous decision over veteran Phichitsuk Kiatprasong, 123, six.
(1-22-81)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Ponpun Sorphayathai, 124, the TBC's second ranked junior featherweight, won a split decision over younger Thuanthanong Sornpajon, also 124, six.
(1-21-81)

▲ **BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Sangthong Chanjeelar, 126, knocked out Khanbordintra Singhnakornlaong, also 126, in the second session of their scheduled six.
(1-20-81)

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AUSTRALIA

NEW SOUTH WALES

▲ **CARDIFF—Workers' Club**—Peter Berrigan, 135½, won the vacant Australian junior welter title with a technical decision over Graham Bell, 138½, at the end of nine rounds in a scheduled 12-round bout.

Berrigan suffered four cuts around one eye, necessitating 14 stitches. Referee Kim McCain ruled that they were caused by accidental butts and, when Berrigan could not continue after nine frames, called for the scorecards. He and judge Clive Greedy each had Berrigan ahead by one point. The other judge, Les Gibbons, had Bell leading by two points.

The bout was originally billed for the N.S.W. State crown, but, nine days prior to the set date, Australian champion Jeff Malcolm announced his retirement. Promoter Wal Bentley then applied to the ABF for permission to promote the Berrigan-Bell contest for the vacant national title. As the contestants were ranked one and two, permission was granted.

Six-rounders: Warren Jenner, 155, oupointed Joe Burruni, 164. Whizzer Lawrence, 140 outscored Mark Vallance, also 140.

Four-rounders: Wayne Tindall, 135, outscored Wayne Osland, 140. Mark Apollo Smith, 141, and Steve Foster, 149, drew.
(2-17-81)

▲ **MT. PRITCHARD—Community Club**—Former amateur champion Gary Williams, 128, knocked out Kirk Blair, 132, in the sixth session of a scheduled 10. Williams, in charge all the way, dropped Blair once in the fifth and twice in the sixth.

Andy Mann, 138, outpointed Manuel Trickillis, 142, eight.

Gary Fuller, 206, halted Gordon McRitchie, 212, in the third round of a scheduled six.

Mark Vallance, 138, outpointed Whizzer Lawrence, 140, four.
(2-18-81)

▲ **KINGSFORD—South Sydney Junior Leagues Club**—Johnny Layton, 170, won a split decision over Jim Carew, 167, eight.

Buddy Nixon, 154, halted Merv Croaker; 157, in the third round of a scheduled six.

Billy Johnson, 136, outscored Jack Maher, also 136, five.

Albert Singh, 137, outpointed David Garland, 134, four.
(2-17-81)

▲ **CRONULLA—Labor & Workingmen's Club**—Terry Clayton, 147, won a clear decision over Dawsie Kelly, 143, eight.

Chris Bennett, 133, usually a featherweight, knocked out Andrew Roberts, 135, in the sixth round of another scheduled eight. It was a good, fast fight until Chris dropped his man with a body shot early in the sixth and knocked him out with a right to the jaw just seconds after he arose.

Col Bourne, 150, stopped Rod Connors, 146, in the third frame of a scheduled six-rounder.
(2-16-81)

▲ **MERRYLANDS—R.S.L. Club**—Patrick Burns, 120, outscored Junior Thompson, 112, 10.

N.S.W. junior lightweight champion Dennis Talbot, 134, halted veteran Willie Leslie, 138, who retired in his corner at the end of the sixth session. It was scheduled for eight.

Four-rounders: Mac Foster, 172, stopped James Landers, 171, in three. Rod Bell, 129, and Mark Aquilina, 128, drew.
(2-20-81)

▲ **CULCAIRN**—Linsay Goode, 150, outpointed Greg McGrath, 148, eight.

Four-rounders: Davey Brown, 147, halted Basil Crowe, 152, in three. Wayne Meredith, 145, stopped Reuben Sibra, 149, in two.

Three-rounders: Kenny Holt, 136, and John Burley, 133, drew. Mick Woodward, 133, outpointed Steve Finlayson, 128. Jamie Bouteris, 133, outscored Tony Cox, 132.
(2-20-81)

▲ **KINGSFORD—South Sydney Junior Leagues Club**—Clint Brown, 160, scored an easy points win over Con O'Connor, 157, in the eight-round main event.

Six-rounders: Buddy Nixon, 160, and Merv Croaker, 155, drew. Garry Fuller, 202, stopped Joe Naliva, 192, in four. Hughie Taggart, 167, halted Willie Nixon, 158, in two.
(3-03-81)

▲ **SMITHFIELD—R.S.L. CLUB**—Clint Brown, 159, went in as a late sub and won a split decision over Jamie Lewis, 152, 10.

Six-rounders: Mick Thompson, 146, outpointed Manuel Trickillis, 146. Brett Dunn, 130, and Lou Williams, 128, drew.

Mark Aquilina, 128, halted Mick Conditis, also 128, in the second round of a scheduled four.
(3-06-81)

▲ **BROOKVALE—Manly Warringah Leagues Club**—Jim Carew, 164, scored a comfortable points win over Mac Foster, 163, eight.

Sharkey Hughes, 118, outscored Rocky Warren, 122, six.

Four-rounders: Albert Singh, 138, outpointed Vesi Taoi, 143. Lou Williams, 131, outscored David Garland, also 131.
(3-04-81)

QUEENSLAND

▲ **BRISBANE—Festival Hall**—Billy Johnstone, 154, successfully defended his Queensland State middleweight title with an eighth round stoppage of Neil Pattel, 153½. Johnstone was leading on points after seven. In round eight, Pattel's mouthguard broke and cut his mouth. Neil wanted to return to his corner for repairs, but referee Alan Moore stopped the bout and crowned Johnstone a K.O. winner. (There is no such thing as a TKO in the Australian rules.)

Steve Aczel, 185, halted Errol Simpson, 204, in round three for the vacant Queensland State heavyweight title. Aczel just outclassed his opponent, and referee Denzil Creed called matters off.

A third 10-rounder saw unbeaten prospect Brian Janssen, 140, outpoint Dawsie Kelly, 144.

Mick McDermott, 139, outscored Ted Hopkins, 143, four.
(2-20-81)

VICTORIA

▲ **FRANKSTON—Technical College Basketball Stadium**—Glenn Walsh, 114, won the vacant Victoria State bantam title with a points win over Mick Parkinson, 116½, 10. It was a good fight that drew a shower of coins and notes from the ringsiders. (The "shower" totaled $108.)

The program was short on prelim bouts, so trainer Len Mitchell fought Peter Lund, his star boxer, in a six-round bout. The boxer won on points.

Bruce Gooding halted Chris Andre in the second session of a scheduled three-rounder.
(2-20-81)

▲ **PRESTON—Town Hall**—This was a rough one. Andy Broome, 142, was expected to be too good for Kid Preston, 140, in their scheduled 10, but Preston roughed him up and caused Broome to lose his purpose and retaliate in kind. The bout developed into a rough houser that referee Norm Foster called a draw.
(2-27-81)

▲ **CAULFIELD—Town Hall**—Barney Walker, 135, outpointed Hans Hefner, 134½, in the eight-round main event.

Dave Curran, 147, outscored Johnny Infante, 142, six.

Dave Willard, 144, and Mick King, 149, drew, four.
(3-06-81)

NEW ZEALAND

▲ **AUCKLAND—Carlaw Park**—Scoring of the Jesse Burnett-Tony Mundine bout: judge Ron Montgomery, 234-233, Mundine; judge Ron Cooper, 236-232, Burnett; judge Dick Gould, 238-227, Burnett. Gould's card was criticized. The scoring was under the 20-point "must" New Zealand scoring system.

This reporter saw the videotape of the bout and scored it 115-114, Burnett, under the Australian 10-point "must" system. Mundine lost it more than Burnett won it. He was tentative at times, instead of being his usual aggressive self, and showed in flashes what he should have shown throughout.
(3-04-81)

RAY MITCHELL

▲ **AUCKLAND**—Two overseas contestants provided N.Z. fans with one of the most exciting fights ever witnessed on these shores when U.S. based Mexican Danny Aguilera won a split decision over Australian Wayne Mulholland, eight. Both weighed 118½.

Peter Samuela clearly outscored Australian Mick King in a middleweight six-rounder. Samuela used his weight advantage well, and won every round from the previously unbeaten King.
(3-30-81)

▲ **AUCKLAND**—Alex Sua gained revenge for a loss suffered nearly two years ago when he outpointed former New Zealand light heavyweight champion Lance Revill, who once again suffered injuries to his fist which hampered his performance. Revill tried to keep things at close quarters, but Sua was not to be denied.

Young Sekona, Tonga, won the South Seas heavyweight crown by knocking out defending champ Filimoni Naliva, Fiji, in the first round.

Fred Taufua, New Zealand, won a very disputed, but unanimous, decision over Matareti Valu, Fiji, in a middleweight eight-rounder. The fans hooted what they thought was a "hometown decision."
(3-31-81)

JOHNNY HANKS

GOLDEN GLOVES

NEW YORK CITY, N.Y.—By the thousands they came. Many were there to see their sons and nephews; some to see their sweethearts. We were there to see the purest form of the oldest sport—amateur boxing.

The fighters were there at least an hour before the opening bell. In the bowels of the arena that the public never gets to see there were tables set up according to corner colors where they were handing out robes and trunks. When these disappeared, they were replaced with stacks of boxes, each containing two pairs of 10-oz. Everlast boxing gloves. Forty-four pair in all. Again separated by color. Even if they were in their twenties (some were as old as 25) they were still just kids. It was a kick to fight in the "Garden."

Two bouts were scheduled in each weight class: The "Open" for those fighters who had competed in the tournament in previous years doing three three-minute rounds; and the "Sub-Novice," for those new to the competition with rounds lasting two minutes.

106 **Sub-Novice**—Esteban Pierret of the Solar SC beat George Soto from the Jerome BC by virtue of two well fought last rounds. **Open**—A close fought battle with the decision going to the more aggressive Luis Gonzalez from the PAL Lynch Center despite a last round rally by Miguel Rosario representing ENTER.

112 **Sub-Novice**—Jeronimo Maisonet, Jerome BC won easily, handling Daniel Gorman from Centereach BC. **Open**—In one of the best bouts of the evening, Luis Hernandez of the Yonkers PAL was given a razor close decision over Times Square AC's John Picart. This one couldn't have been closer or better.

119 **Sub-Novice**—Carlos Pagan from Project Return was nailed by Ewart Chance for this crown. Chance fights for Izzy Zerling YRC. **Open**—Tyrone Jackson (United Block Assoc.) won this when the ref stopped the contest at 2:41 of the second to save Wellington Rocafuerte (Yonkers PAL) from injury. This was a battle of two winners, since Rocafuerte had won the open last year while Jackson had won the Sub-Novice.

125 **Sub-Novice**—Angel Matos (NYC Fire Dept. AA) was given what many considered an unnecessary standing eight count which lost him the decision to Felix Rodriguez of the Times Square AC. The crowd was unhappy with the verdict and let it be *well* known, showering the ring with beer. **Open**—Wayne Anderton from ENTER won all three close rounds from Suffolk PAL Joseph Perrone.

132 **Sub-Novice**—Lynch Center's Jose Carraballo won his contest over Victor Rountree of the Howard Houses PAL on the strength of a great third round. This was a battle of hooks. **Open**—This fight only lasted 2:32, and saw Michael Dominguez of the Solar SC. completely dominate unattached Patrick Cutaneo.

139 **Sub-Novice**—Andre Coles (Knights CC) won a boring, uninspired slug-out from William Jones of the N.Y. Karate/Boxing AL. It was more a war of facial expressions than a boxing match. **Open**—A better fought, but equally uneventful contest saw Roberto Mejia (West Side AC) beat Bed-Stuy BA's Bryant Ware.

147 **Sub-Novice**—Ray Brewer from the Bed-Stuy BA had to work hard for his victory over Joseph Layfield (Yonkers PAL). Layfield lost points for repeated holding. **Open**—Mark Breland (Bed-Stuy, again) wiped out Jose Martinez, representing Universe BC. The referee stopped the very one-sided contest with less than a minute to go in the second round.

156 **Sub-Novice**—Douglas Harden (So. Queens Boys' Club) and Michael Brown (Webster Center PAL) fought a great battle which found "Dougie" the victor because of his superior "heart." **Open**—A see-saw with hooks once again predominating. Ramon Neito from the Lunar BC was on top when the bell ended it, but Noel Tucker (Empire SC) put up one great fight.

165 **Sub-Novice**—Edward Howard of Empire SC squeaked out a decision over Ismael Gneco (Times Square AC). **Open**—Dennis Milton from the Webster Center PAL and Iran Barkley (Knights CC) fought a strong, hard, even contest. But since the Golden Gloves is operated under Olympic Rules which do not permit draws, Milton was declared the winner. They might just as well have drawn straws—It was *that* close.

178 **Sub-Novice**—Richard Brent, Bed-Stuy BA, had Pat Basciano of Empire kissing canvas in 0:24 of the second round of what otherwise promised to be dull fare. **Open**—David Sears (NYC Rec. Lost Bn. Hall) glided to an easy victory over Porfirio Llanes of the Lunar BC.

H'wt. **Sub-Novice**—Traditionally the most anticipated weight class, this contest saw a "Hell's Angel," John LoFranco, fighting out of the Empire SC, up against a smaller Antonio Cinelli representing NYC Recreation (Lost Bn. Hall). Cinelli, like something out of "Damn Yankees," wore sneakers instead of regulation boxing shoes for this prestigious event. By the time LoFranco figured out how to penetrate, it was too late, and the little man with the big guts had won it. This bout provided the highpoint and emotional climax to the evening. **Open**—A wrestling match in which Carl Williams (O'Connell Center NYC Recreation) completely dominated ENTER's Roland Turner. The referee mercifully stopped the bout at 2:08 of the second round.

John F. X. Condon handled the blow-by-blow and Gerry Cooney did the commentary for those watching the cable T.V. coverage.

Attendance was announced as a full house, with 20,079.

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RICHARD H. CHUDNOFF

GREAT KO'S

ROBINSON-TURPIN II

SEPT. 12, 1951

IN SLIGHTLY MORE THAN SIX months in 1951 Sugar Ray Robinson did more living than is usually alloted the average person in a lifetime. He won the middleweight title, he lost the middleweight title, he won the middleweight title, he was the principal ingredient in selling out a New York ballpark for a fight for the first time in almost three decades, and he put together his own version of a European Grand Tour.

First, the Tour—or rather first an explanation of the Grand Tour—something which has pretty much gone the way of $5 fancy dress shirts or $3.95 table d'hote French dinners, with a choice of wine. Or collegians wearing white buckskin shoes and celebrating their graduation with a tour of the continent. It was all very formal, always going and coming via either England or France, with visits to the Low Countries (Belgium, Luxembourg, and the Netherlands) along with Germany and Switzerland. Today, graduation gifts usually come in more elaborate packages.

In 1951 Sugar Ray moving into his 30's, beat Jake LaMotta for the 160-pound crown in February and decided to give himself a sort of graduation present, his own private Grand Tour, complete with entourage. There was a British fighter over there who eventually would be the party of the second part in a pretty fair pay-day. Meanwhile, let's have a look at Paris.

When Sugar Ray traveled it resembled a troop movement, complete with auxilliary transportation. There was usually his wife, his sister, his manager, George Gainford and his wife, and a half-dozen coat-holders, ranging from trainers to people who, if urged sufficiently, could run out and mail a letter.

And then there was the pink Cadillac, Sugar Ray's trademark around Harlem where he had half a dozen enterprises. And which, not incidentally, gave him more visibility than an ad in the *Daily News*. "We're taking the pink Cadillac," announced Sugar Ray, "that'll shake 'em up on the Champs Elysees."

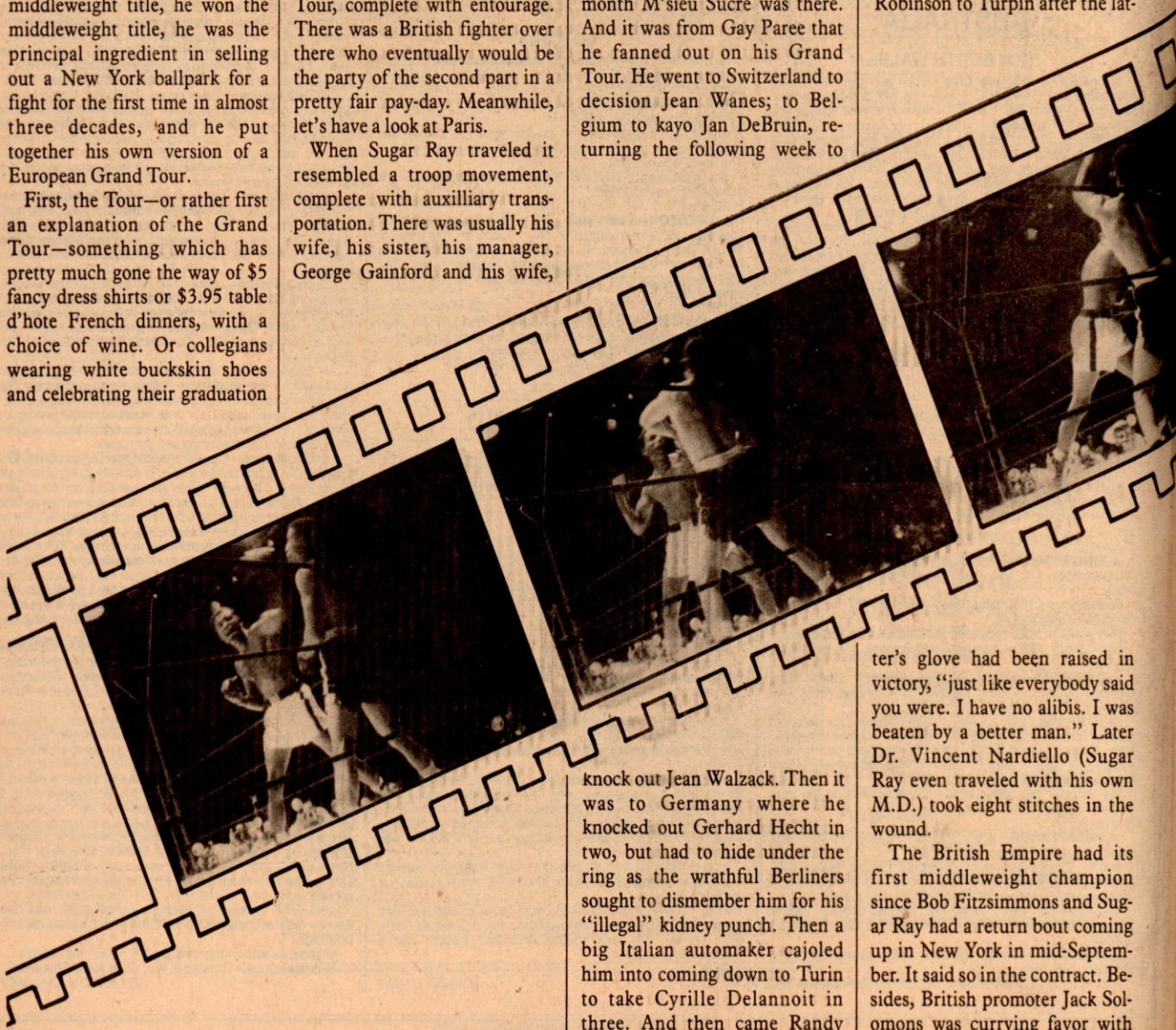
It did just a little more; it created massive traffic jams for the month M'sieu Sucre was there. And it was from Gay Paree that he fanned out on his Grand Tour. He went to Switzerland to decision Jean Wanes; to Belgium to kayo Jan DeBruin, returning the following week to knock out Jean Walzack. Then it was to Germany where he knocked out Gerhard Hecht in two, but had to hide under the ring as the wrathful Berliners sought to dismember him for his "illegal" kidney punch. Then a big Italian automaker cajoled him into coming down to Turin to take Cyrille Delannoit in three. And then came Randy Turpin, whom Robinson had never seen.

The fee was an impressive $100,000, and why not? Robinson hadn't been beaten in eight years, his last—and only—setback coming at the hands of Jake LaMotta in 1943.

Turpin beat him, all right. He sliced his left eye in the seventh and outpunched Sugar Ray the rest of the way. In England the referee is the only one who votes on a decision and it wasn't a hometown job.

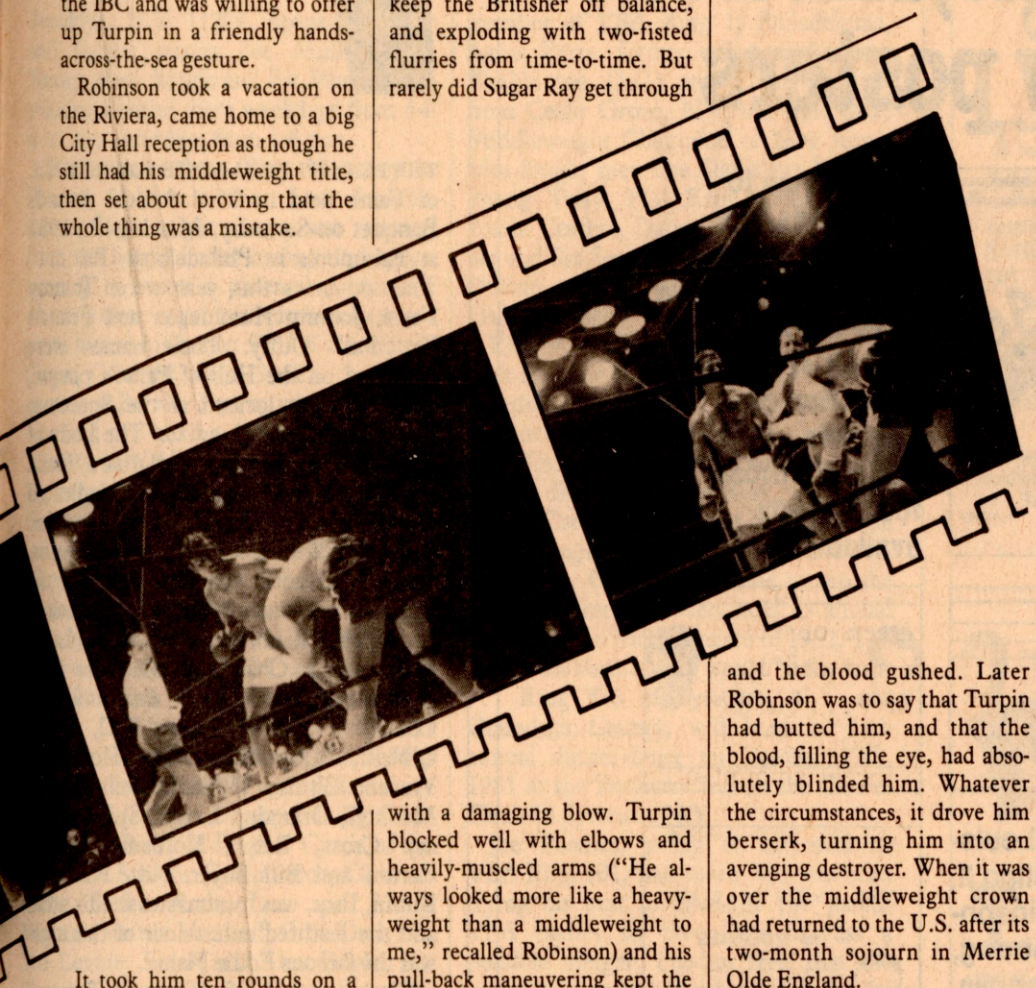
"You were real good," said Robinson to Turpin after the latter's glove had been raised in victory, "just like everybody said you were. I have no alibis. I was beaten by a better man." Later Dr. Vincent Nardiello (Sugar Ray even traveled with his own M.D.) took eight stitches in the wound.

The British Empire had its first middleweight champion since Bob Fitzsimmons and Sugar Ray had a return bout coming up in New York in mid-September. It said so in the contract. Besides, British promoter Jack Solomons was currying favor with



the IBC and was willing to offer up Turpin in a friendly hands-across-the-sea gesture.

Robinson took a vacation on the Riviera, came home to a big City Hall reception as though he still had his middleweight title, then set about proving that the whole thing was a mistake.



It took him ten rounds on a night few of those present will forget. The last time the capacity of the old Polo Grounds had been tested was back in the early 20's by the Dempsey-Firpo fight. So great was the interest in the return Robinson-Turpin that 61,370 stormed into the Giants' ballpark, pouring a record middleweight take of $767,626 into the coffers of Madison Square Garden, which was promoting the fight in conjunction with IBC.

Despite his London setback Robinson was a 2-1 favorite. He was also ready.

It was a fight which could have gone either way—up to the memorable tenth round. Robinson had a slight edge in the early going, fighting cleverly, forcing the pace, leading with lefts to keep the Britisher off balance, and exploding with two-fisted flurries from time-to-time. But rarely did Sugar Ray get through with a damaging blow. Turpin blocked well with elbows and heavily-muscled arms ("He always looked more like a heavyweight than a middleweight to me," recalled Robinson) and his pull-back maneuvering kept the damages inflicted on him to a minimum.

Until the tenth round it was doubtful whether either got in a really telling blow. There was a good right cross by Robinson in the second that made Turpin's knees bend ever so slightly and there was another solid right that shook the champion somewhat in the third. But the crown wasn't going to change brows on those all too brief flashes by the Sugarman.

But then the tenth rolled around, and after that Brittania no longer ruled the waves. Or the middleweight division.

The round was almost half over when Turpin caught Robinson over the left eye, the same one which had required all that hemstitching after the first fight, and the blood gushed. Later Robinson was to say that Turpin had butted him, and that the blood, filling the eye, had absolutely blinded him. Whatever the circumstances, it drove him berserk, turning him into an avenging destroyer. When it was over the middleweight crown had returned to the U.S. after its two-month sojourn in Merrie Olde England.

The final two minutes of ring action were all Robinson. And merciless. His usually carefully-combed hair mussed, his eyes blazing, Robinson unloosed a violent barrage which included a right uppercut which caught Turpin's usually elusive chin. Turpin backed off, and landed a hook weakly in reply. It was to be his last punch and the calm before Robinson's relentless rain of blows which ended the fight.

Robinson blasted into Turpin with a left and right to the head. Then Sugar Ray unleashed a venomous right to the jaw which caused Turpin to pitch forward, with Robinson backing off to let him fall. Turpin struggled to one knee, took the count of nine, then rose to face the whirlwind.

It was a right, then an uppercut, that forced Turpin to the ropes. Seeking shelter from this onslaught Turpin tried for the ropes near his corner. But Robinson followed. Head straight up, tucked uniquely between his hunched-up shoulders, Turpin sought to bob and weave to escape the searing fire. Then he ducked and tried to get under it, but there was no escape.

His legs turned to water, and he could not move away. Robinson stepped back for the briefest of moments to survey his handiwork, then picked up where he had left off. And when he did, Turpin was gone. His knees gave out and he sagged against the ropes. The referee, Ruby Goldstein, himself an old fighter, stopped it with but eight seconds to go in the round.

In another time or another place the round might have been permitted to end but Goldstein wasn't taking any chances in the climate of the moment. Later Goldstein's card was to show he had the fight even up to that time, but in the back of his mind was the tragic death earlier in the month of George Flores in a Madison Square Garden fight.

Strangely, Turpin emerged from this maelstrom unmarked, no bumps, no lumps. "I was rolling with the punches, riding out the storm and my head was clearing. There were only seven seconds remaining (eight). I didn't want to go down because I knew they would end it." Later Turpin said, just a little wryly, "Probably if I were the referee I'd have stopped it too."

It was Robinson's eighty-fifth knockout and 129th victory in 133 professional fights, and it was only the second time Turpin had been kayoed in five years of fighting. Sugar Ray was to fight for another fourteen years in his amazing career but never would he look so impressive in such a short span.

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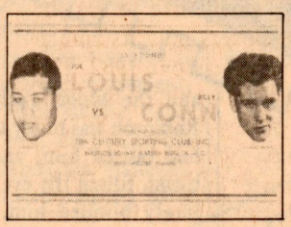

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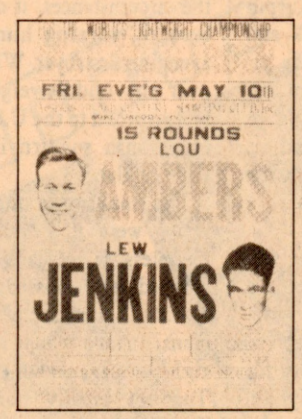

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THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE BOXING HALL of Fame held its 23rd Annual Awards Banquet on Saturday, March 14th, 1981 at Palumbo's in Philadelphia, Pa. . . . The inductees this year were: Tommy Forte, Johnny Hutchinson and Francis X. "Pat" Duffy. Their names were inscribed on the Hall of Fame's plaque, which is now located at the Spectrum Arena in Philadelphia. . . . The Lady of the Year Award went to Barbara Traitz for her contributions and dedicated service to the sport of boxing. The Man of the Year Award went to James J. Binns, who is currently the Chairman of the Pennsylvania State Athletic Commission. . . . Other honorees were: WBC Light Heavyweight Champion Matthew Saad Muhammad; WBA Bantamweight Champion Jeff Chandler; K.O. Becky O'Neill, Mary Cross, The Honorable Vincent Cirillo, Willie O'Neill, Bernie Manhoff, Orlando "Ludy" Spina, Tommy Cross, Ralph Williams, Jimmy Carlini and Bill Boyer. . . . Harry A. Rubin, Esq., was toastmaster at this affair and the featured entertainer of the night was the famous Eddie Fisher.

The new slate of officers for International VBA Ring #76 of Syracuse and Onondago County is as follows: President—Frankie Adams; 1st Vice President—Tony (Curly) Paris; 2nd V.P.—Louis (Spitz) Speziali; Secretary—Don Nodecker; Treasurer—Louis Mangino; and Sgt-at-Arms—Frank Guarino, Sam Furco and Frank Titone. This organization holds its meetings at the John Venditti Post No. 1, Italian-American War Veterans of the U.S., 500 Danforth St., Syracuse, N.Y. on the 1st Monday of each month. Good luck boys!

Ira and Bill Becker of K.O. Sports Inc. are the new owners of Bobby Gleason's gymnasium at 252 W. 30th St. in New York City. The gym will be renamed "The New Garden Gym". . . . A new gym called the Brooklyn Boxing Club Gym, located at 6401 18th Ave.,

BOXERS' BEAT

Brooklyn, N.Y. 11204, opened recently and former boxers Joe Mulli, Larry Young, Steve Riggio and Pat Marcune are training fighters there weekdays from 4-8 p.m. and Saturdays from 1-6 p.m. . . .

Word comes from Billy Mahoney in Fresno, California that Lew Jenkins, former Lightweight champ was released from the hospital after having undergone surgery to insert a pacemaker. Anyone wanting to send get well cards to Lew can write him at his home: 5432 A Roundtree Court, Concord, Calif. 94521. . . . Fight promoter Bernie Taylor, who runs amateur and pro boxing shows at the Dover Armory in New Jersey, recently had his leg amputated and is now in the Dover General Hospital there.

On Sunday, March 22, 1981, NVBA Ring #20 of Kearny, N.J. held its annual dinner and dance at Vecchiarello's Restaurant in Little Ferry, N.J. The group honored Clare Ravinsky as Queen of Ring 20. They also honored Lou Duva, Robert J. Kistner, Tito Altobelli and Norman Chadwick. Some of the boxing fraternity in attendence included: Robert E. Lee, N.J. Chief Deputy Boxing Commissioner; Bob and Eleanor Curtis of the N.J. State Athletic Commission; Carmine Fatta; Stefan Redl; Lou and Molly Forman; Bernie Manhoff; Odin Dudrich; Stu Levine; Frank and Alex Doyle; Pat Conte; Tommy Petrillo; Henry Hascaup; Willie Smith; Ray Monagas; Jim Balukevich; Al Bundies; Antonio Ayala; Tony Ayala; Boby Czyz; Alex Ramos; Johnny Bumphus; Steve Adams; Audry Jones; Johnny Popek and Pat Correnti.

The Grim Reaper was harsh on the boxing world the past two months claiming the lives of George Gainsford, who managed Ray Robinson and gave 60 years of his life to the sport of boxing; Pete Galiano, colorful lightweight from Baltimore who gave his all in the squared circle; Frankie Corsi, Bellville, N.J. lightweight and N.J. Boxing Hall of Famer; Tony Marsillo, fight manager and trainer, the brother of the late Vic Marsillo and also of fight managers Jimmy and Pete Marsillo from Newark, N.J.; Samuel Burns, long-time veteran fighter and member of VBA Ring 1, Philadelphia; Aaron Perry, former welterweight from Washington D.C.; and Eddie Durino, from Cedar Grove, N.J., one-time State Middleweight Champion of New Jersey who fought men like Stanislaus Loyaza, Young Terry, Phil Krug, Dom Rizzo, Paulie Cortlyn, Danny Devlin, Lou Halper and Six Second Powell to name a few. Durino was also a New Jersey Boxing Hall of Famer.

Ring #23 of Allentown, Pa. will conduct amateur boxing shows on a monthly schedule, which will also be televised on the local station—Channel 4. . . . Ring #4, Boston, Mass. will host its 34th annual dinner-dance on May 30th, 1981 at the Caruso's Diplomat restaurant on Rt. 1, Saugus, Mass. . . . Billy Mahoney, of Fresno, Calif., would like to see the National Veteran Boxers hold its annual convention in San Francisco in 1982. The North California VBA would be the host. . . . Ring #76 of Syracuse, N.Y. and Onondaga County, will hold its 13th annual dinner-dance on October 17th, 1981 at the Rodeway Inn on the Carrier Circle in Syracuse, N.Y.

Joe Poodles, prexy of International VBA Ring 101, Baltimore, Md. has been trying his best to have the two parent VBA bodies sit down and discuss a possible merger. Poodles feels that the only way something meaningful can be accomplished for the plight of the retired boxer in the way of a pension and other benefits, is for VBAs around the country to join forces and push those in the driving seat to come to grips with this heretofore insoluble situation. . . . To date, the powers that be in the two parent VBA groups—the International and the National VBAs—have been reluctant to hold such a meeting. However, Scoop Gallello has committed himself (in writing) to a meeting with the NVBA folks. . . . Scoop, who heads the IVBA contingent, feels that the merger can be accomplished, but that it won't be easy. . . . Poodles feels that if the two groups meet, logic would take over and a merger between them would come about.

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

TOMMY FARR

BY REGGIE GUTTERIDGE

FROM THE TIME HE LEARNED TO GIVE and take a punch as a seven-stones (98 pounds) terrier in the tiny parish of Welsh Tonypandy all the way to a world heavyweight championship challenger of 14st 8lb (204 pounds) at Yankee Stadium, New York, Tommy Farr could match his skills against the best of them.

Farr's craggy features looked as though they were carved from granite. Raised in the impoverished age of cold and coalfields in the Welsh valleys that make Scranton, Pa. look like Miami Beach, he fought—as British scribes of the time would say—"splendidly".

Farr would rather be remembered for a ten-month period in 1937 when he took the British heavyweight crown from Ben Foord, a South African trained in England by my father; beat the menacing German, Walter Neusel; and shocked the fight world by outsmarting the former world champion, Maxie Baer in London.

But, instead, Farr—he of the lilting, poetic Welsh tones—is best remembered for his fight with mighty Joe Louis at Yankee Stadium in 1937, two months after Louis had done away with Braddock in eight rounds.

It probably attracted the biggest radio audience of all time. Half the British nation, including every Welshman, was glued to its crackly speakers at 3 a.m. Thousands of Welsh miners were permitted to change shift hours so that they might surface for the broadcast.

Wales, where singing is as much a part of life as the coal in the soil and socialism in the heart, was echoing the heart rendering "Land of Our Fathers" when their man made his way to the ring.

"I remember the New York *Times* writer saying I'd as much chance as Shirley Temple. But I'd boxed 3,000 rounds in my time, I'd learned my business and I'd never taken a count." says Farr.

"Joe Louis, a beautiful man, was methodically perfect. Only one person thought I had a meager chance. And that was Thomas George Farr."

It was the young Brown Bomber's first defense and, it turned out, the first time the magnificent champion was taken 15 rounds.

Oddsmakers rated "the limey" a 12-1 underdog. He suffered the customary cracks about horizontal British heavyweights going back to "Phainting" Phil Scott and those who followed in his footfalls. But the first Brit to challenge for the coveted crown in 40 years won the hearts of many Americans as 36,093 fans rose to cheer the gutsy, durable and, surprisingly, sharp Farr after 45 minutes of a hotly-contested struggle.

"The crowd had such pity for me when it started, but they turned out to be a wonderful crowd. The points seemed close but I agreed Joe had shaded it. Yet the Americans treated me like a winner. Marvelous memories . . ." said the still-rugged Farr, remembering his day in the boxing sun 44 years later.

Farr came out boxing, not fighting, and had the nerve to win the first round. Most of shuffling Joe's opponents froze when the first bell rang. He was able to clout them out with punches that appeared to travel only inches. No matter, they always got the message.

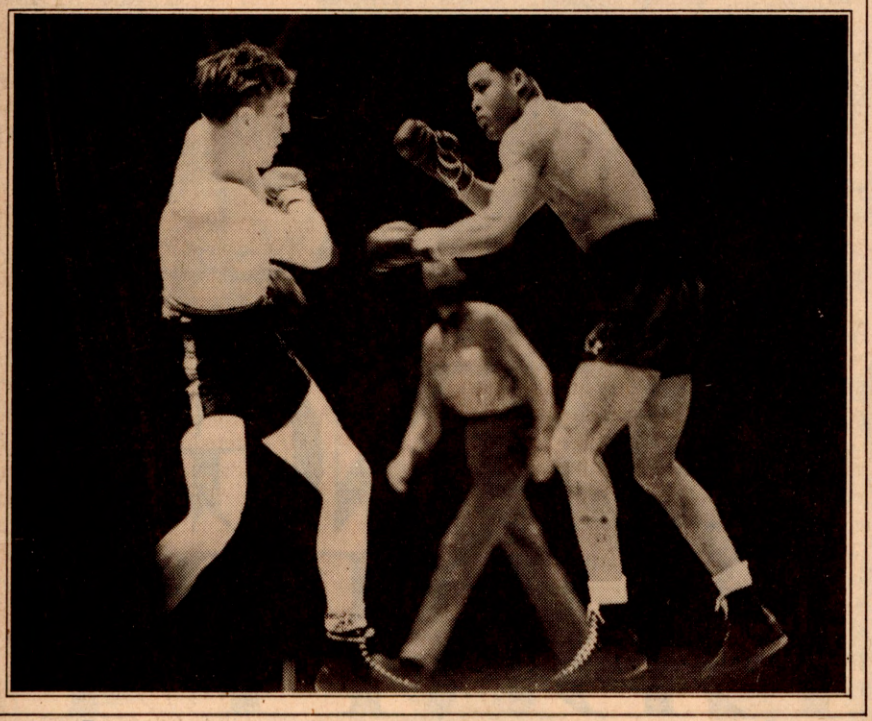
But Farr had the style, the reflexes and a stubborn defiance that often frustrated the Great One. He slipped inside Louis' leads, blocked a share of counters and peppered home more than his share of punches.

Farr had shown a healthy punch in his scrap two months before against the highly-rated blond Aryan Neusel who had brought German ambassador, Herr Von Ribbentrop, to watch him massacre Farr in London.

War clouds were then hovering over England and Neusel, a good heavyweight, had cut-up Farr's countryman, Jack Petersen. "I felt I'd do Neusel a bit of mischief," chuckles Farr.

He did more, setting up the stronger Neusel for a perfect pay—off in the third round. It was the great fight for Farr and—as we saw it—Democracy with a capital "D", only two months before Farr was risked against Louis.

[Tommy Farr today holding part of his world in the "Palm of his hands."]



Louis-Farr, Aug. 30, 1937. "And boy!, Could he bang . . . when I talk about that right, my nose still bleeds!"

But Farr never claimed to be a potent puncher. He made them count. And some were counted out. With a bigger dig the former miner, then 23, might have made more of an impression on Louis—and the heavyweight title picture, as well.

"Joe stealthily crept up all the time. He cut down the ring size. And boy!, could he bang. He hit me in the middle of the forehead and my face ballooned. It was like an explosion.

"Sometimes I'd beat him at in-fighting. That was my game and he seemed to fight my way from the third to eight rounds. Then I knew I'd got to win the last couple of rounds.

"Before the 15th bell rang I walked right over to Louis' corner and beckoned him out. I was tired as hell, ready for bed, but I still put on a show."

Movies confirm that Farr did indeed hitch up his trunks and cheekily wave fearsome Louis off his stool in that final round—a brave, if foolish, act staged 30 years before we became accustomed to Muhammad Ali's similar style of showbeating.

(An aside: Farr is not an Ali fan. "Not quite my cup 'o tea" he says. "He wouldn't have hit Joe Louis on the backside with a bag of rice.")

Farr was never off his feet or—cross the heart—close to going down in a 15-rounder that produced boxing's frills to go with the thrills.

As the years go by the margin of Louis' victory, especially to the British, becomes tighter. But the years have not beclouded Farr's vision of that night; and Farr has never bragged that he deserved to win. "When I talk about that fight my nose still bleeds," he says.

Truth is, referee Arthur Donovan, who was to officiate many of Louis' record defenses, scored the champion a clear winner. The two judges awarded Farr five and four rounds, respectively, with three even.

Yet Farr, who could qualify as Joe Louis' biggest fan, was unable to win any of his five fights in the States.

Having surprised clowning Maxie Baer at the now-defunct Harringay Arena in London with a deserved win, Farr was unable to bring off a double against Baer in New York.

James J. Braddock, Lou Nova, and Red Burman all decisioned Farr in New York. Again he defied their much-vaunted punches. But the cagey Welshman picked up sufficient know-how to gain revenge over Burman in a London rematch.

Farr's career, which began at 13, virtually ended with the outbreak of the World War II, but not before he had regained a measure of pride by stopping Canadian-Englishman, Larry Gains (who had, in turn, KO'd Max Schmeling) in his native Wales.

But ten years later he resumed his career in a move he now frankly admits was "prostituting myself". Don Cockell—a capable heavyweight before he became bloated and then beaten up by Rocky Marciano—finished Farr's career within three days of his accepted 39th birthday, though Tommy's parents had forgotten to register his birth.

He managed to stay upright in 296 recorded bouts, except against a schoolmaster, Frank Bell, a count-out long considered a fluke and never mentioned in Farr's presence.

He survived the greatest since earning three shillings and ninepence for his first contest and a full pound note for knocking out a star at a fairground booth show in a forgettable place with an unpronounceable named called Ystradgynlais in dear ole Wales.

Even at 16 Tommy had been the breadwinner and the family 'father' for his family of eight. Tommy considered his life "a supreme, sublime happiness," one he added to immeasurably by caring for his brother and sister. With 109 pounds invested in Post Office savings he was able to buy a terraced house at 59 Court St. in Tonypandy. Since then he has flourished as a publican in the snobbish South Coast resort of Brighton, then spent years as a boxing writer (no ghost) with the Sunday *Pictorial.*

Today, at age 67, he is an executive director of the United Paint Company, a businessman who races home at the drop of a hat to the happy home he shares with his stunning wife, Monty, whom he met at a horse show in the thirties.

The couple live alongside a beach at Shoreham, on the English South Coast, where Tommy plays the tuneful record of the era when he performed as a chapel choirmaster. His voice is professional; his tunes are old-fashioned melodies. "I'm a bit of a romantic, you know," the gentle giant who was once a boxing giant says.

Farr's strapping sons, Gary and Richard, have made their mark in America. They live in North Hollywood, but make regular pilgrimages home. Gary is a singer, turned mod music composer; Richard, a company boss providing pop-concert scenery and managing top groups.

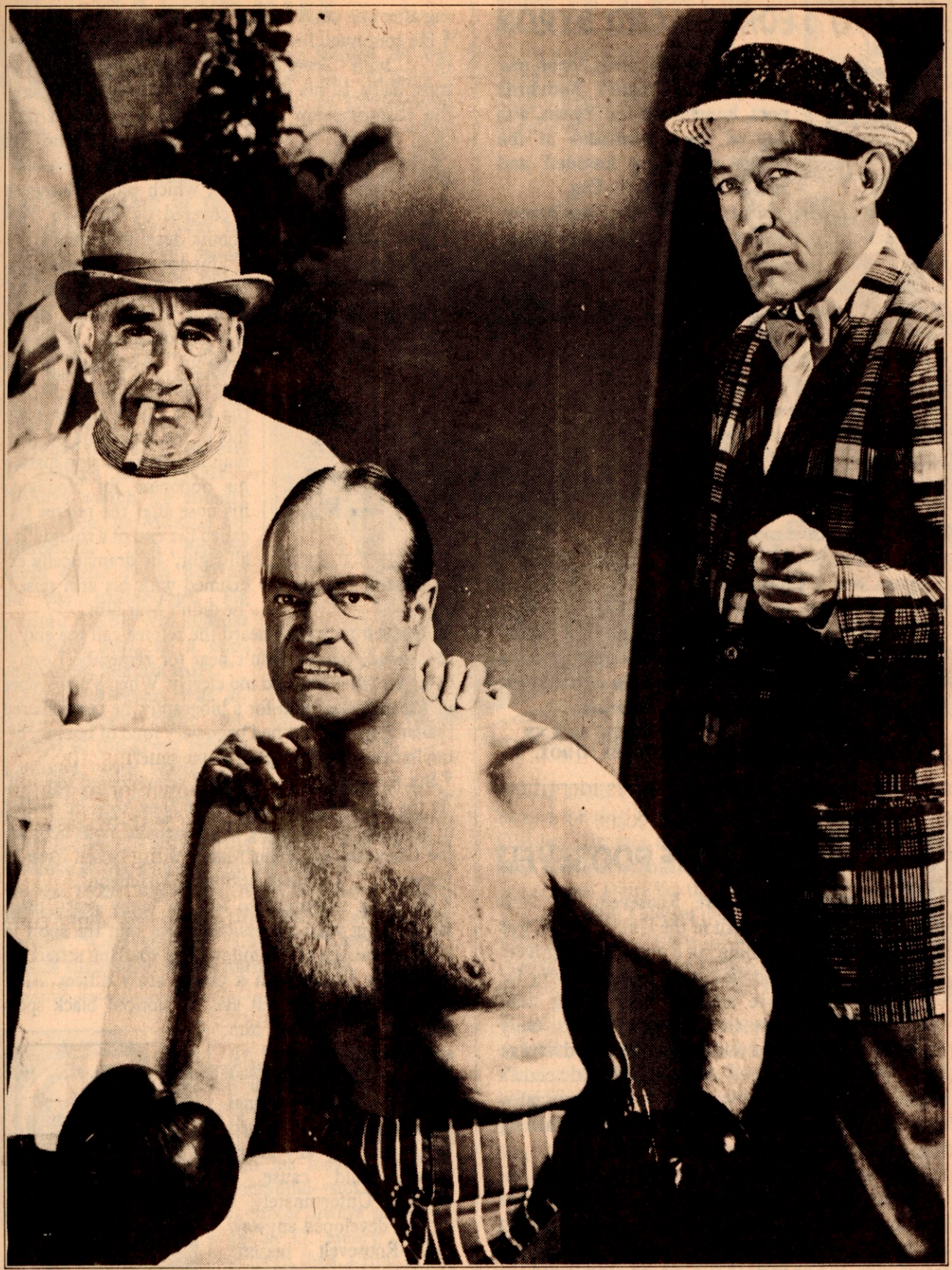
"With my voice and a pound note in my pocket, I'll always get a pint of beer," laughs Farr. "The little I have I owe to boxing. And boxing doesn't owe me a thing."

¶ Throughout history, boxing & the famous have always been "an item".

BOXING'S CELEBRITY GAME

Boxing is the most expressive of the arts, and throughout the ages man has identified with it, chronicled it and shared in it, sometimes vicariously, sometimes for real. Those who have found something which intrigued them in "The Sweet Science" range from Homer to Hemingway, from Dickens to Conan Doyle and from Lord Byron to Budd Schulberg. ¶ But some men, rather than share the experience vicariously have pursued it personally, seeking to find something of themselves in the most fundamental form of competition there is: Boxing. Perhaps, in another sense, they were putting the line Bobby Kennedy is best known for to gainful employment: "Some men see things as they are and say why/I dream things that never were and say why not?" Each and every one of these men said "Why not?" and not content to merely let the world pass them by, entered the actual arena to test their mettle and forge their character.

BY BARBARA SCHWARTZ



[Bob Hope as Packy East, the only fighter to be carried "to" & "from" the ring.]

GEORGE, LORD BYRON

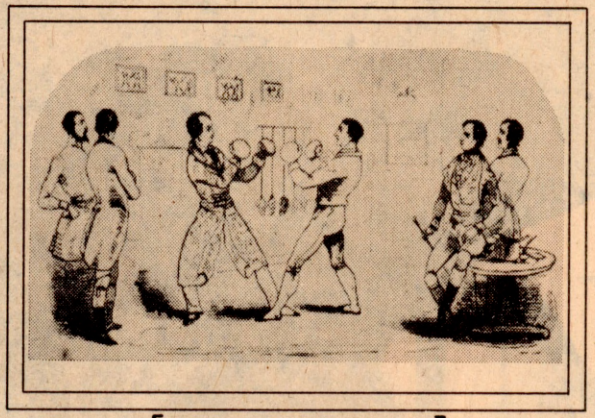
George Gordon, sixth baron and 19th century English Romantic poet, known as Lord Byron, was one of the aficionados at the school of boxing founded and run by John Jackson, Esq.

¶ Jackson, having defeated Mendoza, the heavyweight champion of England, in 1795, had then retired and opened an academy where the Prince of Wales, later George IV, Lord Byron, and the leading figures in society took lessons in the art of boxing and sparred with each other.

¶ Jackson, by royal command, gave boxing exhibitions at the palace for the Czar of Russia, the King of Prussia and other most distinguished visitors.

¶ Byron was a remarkable boxer and hitter in spite of his club foot. According to legend, he first visited Greece, which figures strongly in his poetry, to see the birthplace of boxing, and he even wrote about the sport noting, in his *Hints from Horace:*

AND MEN UNPRACTICED IN EXCHANGING KNOCKS
MUST GO TO JACKSON 'ERE THEY DARE TO BOX.



[*The Lord vs. The Squire*]

THEODORE ROOSEVELT

¶ Theodore Roosevelt, the 25th President of the United States, was anything but a promising pugilistic candidate in his youth, showing far more interest in collecting dead mice and exotic butterflies. Only when his father insisted that something would have to be done about the state of the frail, asthmatic child's health, did Teddy start working out in a specially-built gym right in his house, equipped with punching bag, dumbbells and horizontal bars.

¶ Teddy's temperament remained pacific, though, until he was sent on a stagecoach ride with four other youths, without his younger brother, who until then had served as his protector. When his companions teased him, and he wanted to fight, he soon found out that the others didn't even have to hit him. They merely held him at arm's length, as he struggled futilely. Teddy then demanded boxing lessons, becoming after one year "a bully boy with a black eye."

¶ He continued his boxing at Harvard, having a "set-to . . . with 'General' Lister, the boxing master" almost daily. In his junior year at 135 lbs., he entered the championship matches in the lightweight division, starting by defeating an opponent he had "thrashed" the year before.

¶ The championship match, which pitted Roosevelt against C.S. Hanks was covered by the *New York Times,* which called the bouts quasi-professional.

¶ This one was a little too professional for Roosevelt. According to the *Times,* Hanks was "punishing Roosevelt severely." According to one biographer, although he lost the bout "he won the plaudits of the spectators by commanding them to stop hissing his opponent for bloodying his nose after the referee had called the end of a round. 'It's all right,' he dramatically exclaimed with his arm raised, 'he didn't hear him.' "

¶Roosevelt may have heard the referee call the end of the round, but he didn't hear (or remember) everything else that was said too clearly. When a newspaper in Albany asked him for a biography, he remembered that at Harvard he "had been very fond of boxing, being lightweight champion at one time."

¶ But the beating he obviously remembered too well. As the Police Commissioner of New York he replied to criticism for allowing a professional fight between Joe Choynski and Peter Maher with, "when I was in Harvard . . . I suffered heavier punishment."

¶ Roosevelt continued to box for many years, often working out with professionals, but quit the sport in 1904, at the age of 46, following a sparring session in the White House with a young army officer. After being struck in the left eye, he noticed black spots floating in front of him and experienced poor vision. An opthalmologist found a minor retinal hemorrhage, and informed Roosevelt that any more blows could cause a cataract. Unfortunately, a growth developed anyway, and Roosevelt became blind in that eye, a fact known to only about six people in the country since he was quite vain about it.

"CHICO" MARX

¶In 1905, long before he became known as "Chico", Leonard Marx, an 18 year-old gambler and pianist, won a few pro fights in the east as a bantamweight. He got cocky and started thinking in terms of a world championship. In his next bout, however, he was kayoed by a so-so, so he quit. ¶"From that point on," according to his daughter Maxine, in *Growing Up With Chico,* "he never saw the inside of a ring again, but for years after he was willing to wager tens of thousands of dollars at ringside." Dollars which he mostly lost, since, as Maxine remembers, "his biggest thrill came from betting on the underdogs. He wanted the big win against the odds and, as a consequence, lost his shirt."

¶Chico, however, was always a great fight fan, partial to the great Benny Leonard, with whom the Marxes were briefly associated in vaudeville in the early 20s. (Joe Gans, the lightweight champ during Chico's active ring career, was another favorite of the finger shooting Marx's.)

¶In the 1930s, when the Marx Brothers were in Hollywood, they owned the contract of a fighter named "Canvasback" Cohen. "Canvasback" was as successful as his name implied.

FRANK SINATRA

¶Sports' answer to Hans Christian Andersen was Bill Stern. For years Stern spun his magical—and oftimes apocryphal—stories on the airwaves, almost always supplying each with an O. Henry ending. And whether they were the truth, had a ring of the truth or just flirted with the truth, they all had a deliciousness about them that bore telling and re-telling. With that as a prefatory disclaimer, we herewith present you Bill Stern's story about one of those figures who. . . .Well, read it. We think you'll like it.

¶This is the story of a prizefighter's dream that didn't come true. But that prizefighter wasn't disappointed, as you shall see.

[*Chico Marx, with Al Jolson, trading "lumps" for "laughs".*]

¶Along about 1912 or so there was a prizefighter who battled for ring glory under the fistic name of Marty O'Brien. He was a great bantamweight fighter. He went along cleaning up the best men in his division and seemed a sure bet to win the title. Unfortunately, in boxing it isn't always the best fighters who wind up with the ring crowns. Marty O'Brien, for some reason, never found the golden opportunity to win the bantamweight crown. The title always eluded him.

¶Finally, discouraged in his quest for the title, Marty quit the ring, married, and settled down. In his heart there continued to burn the blazing ambition and hope for ring fame. Only now, he yearned for it, not for himself, but for his little son.

¶As the boy grew older, the former prizefighter taught his little son how to box. And, though the little fellow wasn't any too strong or husky, he was a game and pugnacious little fighter. What pleased the old man most was that his son liked boxing and wanted to become a famous ring champion.

¶Well, the old fighter's son grew up and entered the prize ring. He fought a few battles. Then one day, he

[*Frank Sinatra raised to new heights by Jack Dempsey and Joe Louis.*]

came to his father.

¶"Dad," he said, "I know how much you've wanted me to become a famous ring champion and I hate to disappoint you. But I've decided to quit the ring and give up boxing. You see, dad, I've decided to become a sports reporter."

¶The old prizefighter swallowed the bitter pill. Marty O'Brien wished the boy good luck in his new ambition. After all, if his son didn't want to become a ring champion, there was nothing that he could do about it. And maybe he'd go on to become a famous sports reporter instead.

¶For a while, the prizefighter's son worked as a sports reporter and the father was happy. At least, the boy was still connected with the sports world and that was something. Another day came, and again the boy came to his father.

¶"Dad," he said, "I've changed my mind. I've decided to give up sports reporting for something else. And I think I'm going to make good at it, too."

¶Once again, the old prizefighter swallowed his bitter disappointment and wished his son good luck. Twice had the boy let him down, first boxing, and now sports reporting. Now he wanted to go into another field, one far removed from the world of sports.

¶Well, that was a few years ago. Today, that once famous old prizefighter isn't a very disappointed father in spite of the dream that didn't come true. In fact, he must be quite proud of his son's success. For his boy, who had given up boxing to become a sports reporter, and then had given up sports reporting for something else, is today one of America's most famous personalities. He is a singer who has taken the country by storm, a singer who earns more than a million dollars a year. That boy who shattered his prize-fighting father's dream of ring fame is Frank Sinatra!

BOB HOPE

¶Bob Hope, in his autobiography *Have Tux, Will Travel,* writes that his "brief career as a pug . . . was . . . so condensed it was engraved on a pin head—mine." He started boxing only when a friend in Cleveland showed him a card stating that he was going to fight in the Ohio state amateurs under the name Packy West. According to Hope,"Packy was an impressive name for a fighter to have in those days. It had been used by an outstanding boxer of that era, Packy MacFarland." Hope promptly registered in the lightweight division as Packy East. (If I'd taken the apples out of my pockets, I could have qualified as a featherweight".)

¶He promptly demolished his first opponent. "He was constantly looking over his shoulder toward his corner for instructions. When I hit him he turned to his second and asked 'What'll I do now?' and his second yelled strategy back to him. I finally tagged him while his head was turned."

¶The win boosted Hope's ego. ("Having won that contest, I put on a turtle-necked sweater and began to swagger when I walked.") But the trouble was only starting. After a bye, his next bout would be in the semifinals in Moose Hall in downtown Cleveland. The Ohio state lightweight champion at that time was Happy Walsh. ("He was called Happy because he just smiled back when he was slugged. Nothing bothered this fellow—fists, knives, guns, nothing. ..He looked as if he even had muscles in his hair.") When Hope saw his photo in the "rotogravure section of the *Plain Dealer,* I never dreamed that I'd meet him in the ring."

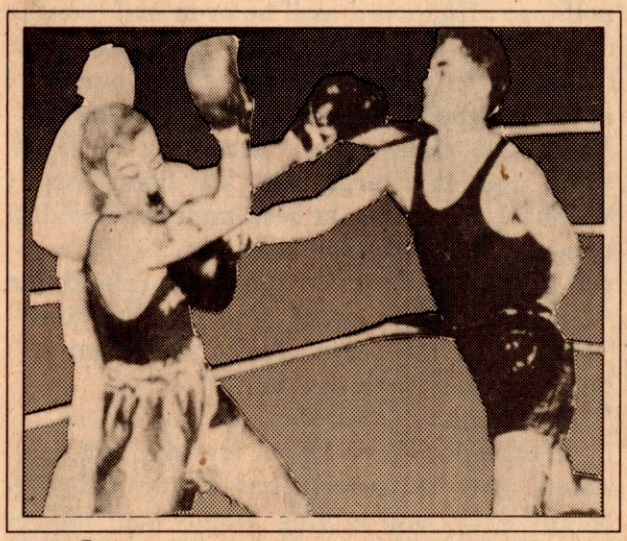
¶But, that night, when, according to Hope, "The man in charge said 'He fights Happy Walsh' ", Hope was, at best, underwhelmed. (I turned plaid. It was like saying, 'Tomorrow, you fight King Kong.' ") His manager told him "Get up off your knees. You can lick him!" "I'm not on my knees,' I said with dignity. 'I just knelt down to tie my shoes."

¶Hope continued his show of courage as the fight started. "When I went into the ring I was numb. (My manager) Red kept looking at Happy Walsh and smiling. Happy kept smiling back at him. Everybody was smiling except me. All my friends were there. The Alhambra Poolroom was represented. Eighty or a hundred of my pals had come down from the corner of 105th and Euclid. In the first round I played cozy, Happy examined me as if trying to see what was holding me together. When I found out I was still alive, my footwork got fancier. In the second round I threw my right."

¶Unfortunately, that was Hope-East's first mistake. And last. "I never got my arm back. Happy hit me on the chin. I fell in a sitting position, bounced and fell over. I got so much resin in my hair, I can still play two verses of 'Humoresque' in it with a comb. Red threw a bucket of water over me and carried me out. I was the only fighter in Cleveland's history who was carried both ways: in and out of the ring. That ended my fighting days—in the ring, of course. Outside—I had other, more informal encounters."

GEORGE C. WALLACE

¶George C. Wallace, former Governor of Alabama and presidential candidate, started boxing when his father brought gloves home for him and his brothers Gerald and Jack. Since they were located across the street from the local telephone exchange, they had no problem with timing the rounds for their bouts. The man who ran the exchange, wrote Wallace in *Stand Up For America*, "could see right into our living room, which was set up as a boxing ring with a single overhead light hanging from the ceiling. Timekeeper John would ring our telephone to start a round, then ring it again to signal the round's end. This would go on until we were too exhausted to continue."



[*Young Wallace, on the right, with a right!*]

¶Wallace stayed in the sport, although in his own words, he was "wiry and agile, and probably too aggressive for my own good," he "thrived on the raw, face-to-face competition that boxing demands."

¶In the 1935 Bernarr MacFadden Tournament in Montgomery, Wallace, a bantamweight at 118 lbs, came up against a more experienced boxer and ended up on the canvas twice in the first round. In the second round, though, he figured out that his opponent was not in the best of shape and had used up all his energy in the first. So Wallace "jabbed and hooked him almost at will for the next two rounds and won a unanimous decision." Of course, it didn't look like Wallace had won at all. A Montgomery policeman stopped him on the street and "wanted to know who had beaten me up. He was convinced somebody should be arrested."

¶In the next two years, Wallace won the Alabama Golden Glove finals twice, losing the regionals one time and defaulting once because of the flu. He also made extra money on his out of town trips to sell magazine subscriptions by boxing one night stands in "smokers". One biographer noted, "Needing the money, he added several years to his age and invariably stepped into the ring with older, more experienced boxers, most of then grown men and many of them professionals.

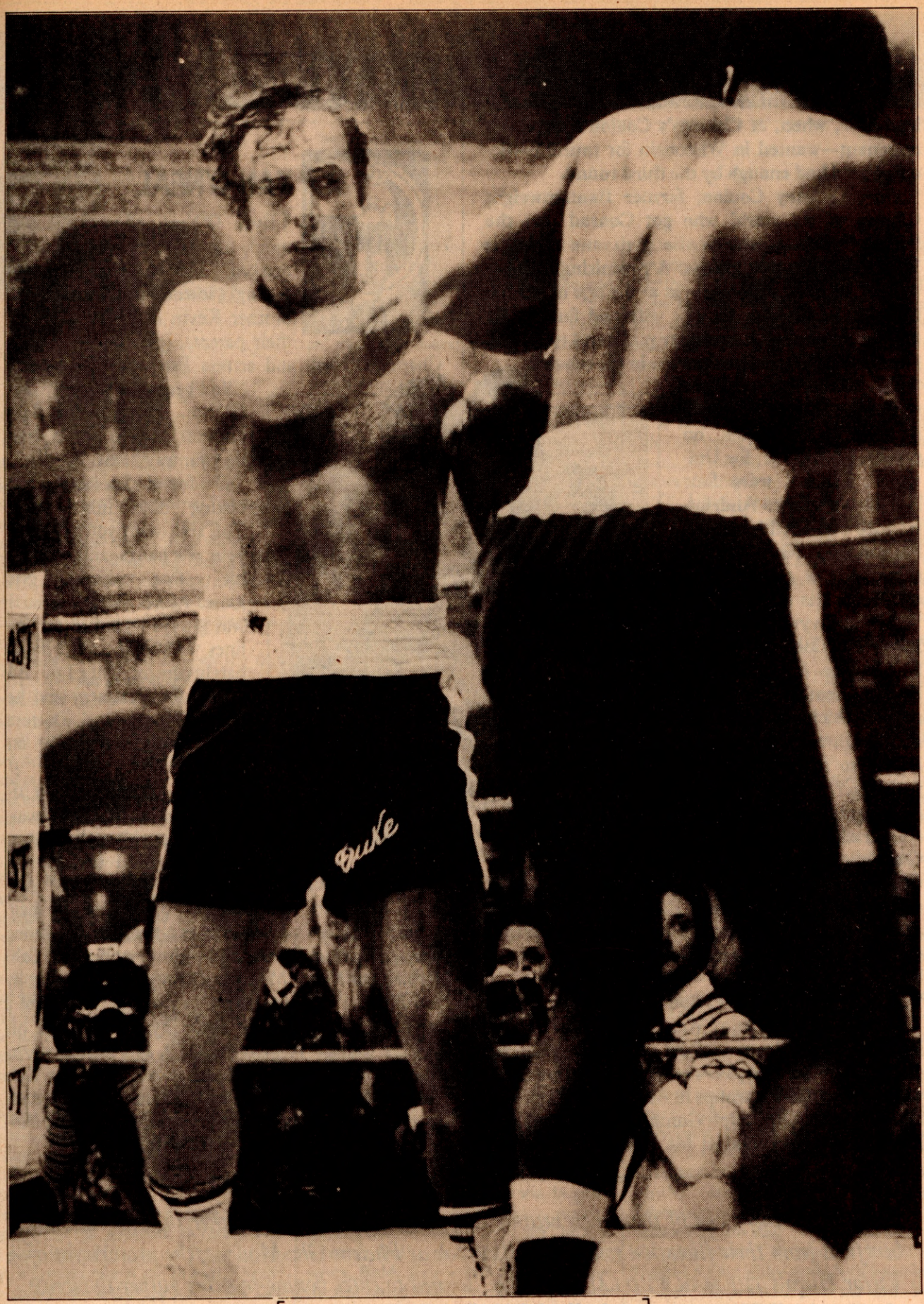
¶When he went on to the University of Alabama, he joined the boxing team, and captained it for 2 years. But staying on the team wasn't easy: Dean Ferrar of the Law School had strict rules that "students engaging in sports take a lightened course." So, when the boxing coach asked Wallace to accompany the team to the Southeastern Conference tournament, the young boxer had to face the Dean's inquisition on such subjects as "Where do you hit a man to knock him out? (Wallace's answer "I understand that a good jolt on the jaw affects the brain enough to cause temporary unconsciousness"): Joe Louis ("I don't believe anybody will ever whip Joe Louis," said the Dean. "Not in his prime" answered Wallace, but if he keeps on fighting beyond that, someone will do it."); and how many days the tournament would take ("At least four . . ."). Finally, granted permission to take time off from his studies, Wallace went all the way to the finals before losing to the eventual intercollegiate national champion. Looking back, he remembered "I don't really think it was resentment that caused me to take frequent pokes at the bust of the dean in the law school hall." But whatever it was, it was a practice which ended one day as Wallace was taking his "usual poke at the inviting chin," only to hear the Dean inquiring behind him "Mr. Wallace, just what are you doing?"

¶Wallace's final records against opponents, not including the bust of the dean, was 25 wins, 4 losses and a draw. ("I liked fighting, but not enough to make a career of it.")

ROBERT CONRAD

¶ Bob Conrad is one of those guys who just loves to box. He just couldn't stay away from it. Off and on, from the time he was six till the time he was 43, Conrad compiled an official record of 29 wins, 1 draw and 2 losses. And that's not counting street fights.

¶ One of the first was against the three Blackfield



[Robert Conrad, "Dukes" with Brian Matthews]

Brothers in June of 1949. Contrad took them all on and ended up with a right leg ¾ of an inch shorter than his left. Another battle ended on a more civilized note, when, at Chicago's Coulon's Gym, his opponent—wanted in Wisconsin for murder—decided he'd had enough by the third round.

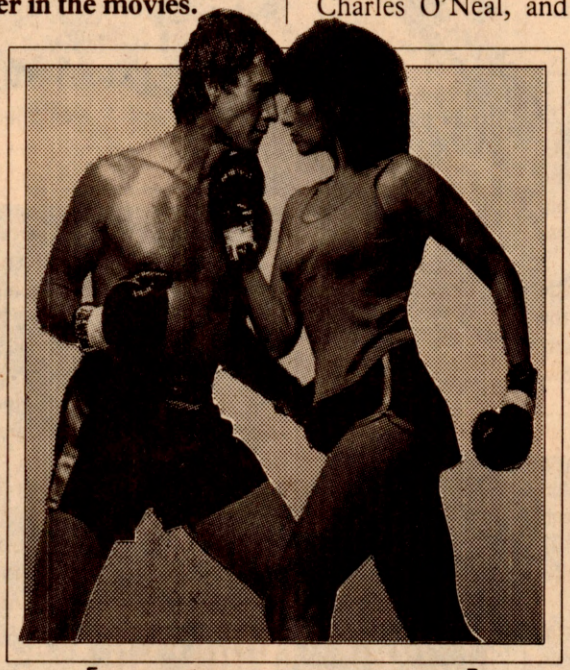
¶ It was Johnny Coulon, former Bantamweight Champ of the world who got Conrad into the "game." Bob fought in the gym and Catholic Youth Organization camps. A promising middleweight, he hung up his gloves at the age of sixteen in order to support his new wife and family. By 1955 he was acting in amateur plays and two years later he had found a new career in the movies.

¶ Bob found his previous profession useful to him in a number of roles on screen. In the *D.A.* for Universal, Conrad went four rounds with Cisco Andriotti, once managed by Frank Sinatra. In *Nick Carter,* there was a scene which called for his character to "test" heavyweight Jerry Lavarone. Bob beat him in four. Brian Matthews was his opponent in *The Duke,* a pilot which cast our man as a fighter turned P.I., known to those unfamiliar with "In" terms as private investigator.

¶ Conrad doubled for Joey Giambra, the Uncrowned Champion, in a *Mission Impossible* episode, and mixed it up with Tommy Huff in a segment on *Mannix.* In his own series, *Black Sheep Squadron,* Conrad took on the Army's representative, played by Bobby Herman.

¶ Since he started acting, Bob hasn't lost a fight.

¶ During the Viet Nam War, Bob *almost* fought Emile Griffith. Because of the success of his series *The Wild, Wild West,* Bob was asked to "go a few" with Griffith for the troups in Asia. Conrad trained for the match with Ralph Gambina, but had to call it off when he fractured his skull performing a stunt (he'd always been his own "stuntman"). He never got to Viet Nam; and never got back into shape after that.



[*Squaring off in "The Main Event".*]

RYAN O'NEAL

¶ Ryan O'Neal, of whom fellow movie star Robert Conrad once remarked, "That sucker can do some boxing", learned to box against his brother Kevin in the backyard of their parents, (playwright-novelist Charles O'Neal, and actress Patricia O'Callaghan). "You become a fighter," says O'Neal, "because you fight on your way to school; and on your way home."

¶ He found that acting and boxing "didn't mix well . . . You see, when you get tired, your jaw hangs, and if it gets hit in that position, it gets loose. Mine got loose. So I was always trying to say my lines with a jaw that I could barely control. Once I asked a doctor for treatment and he said, 'Chew gum.' Doctors don't want to work on boxers."

¶ O'Neal ended his career after a fight in which he managed to get his collar bone, nose *and* hand broken. He remembers "Wherever he hit me, he broke me. And when I hit him, he broke me." Since then his main contact with boxing has been as a manager of, among others, Michael Stuart, flyweight champion of California, and Marty Monroe, a heavyweight trained by Joe Frazier, and Hedgemon Lewis, (the subject of a 60-minute documentary made by O'Neal and his brother called "The Contender"). His boxing expertise came in handy, though, when he filmed *The Main Event,* a film for which he had to fight 170 real rounds to get the necessary footage and teach his co-star Barbra Streisand to skip rope and throw a punch.

¶*Each and every one of these men became successes outside the ring rather than in it. They benefited from their flirtation with fisticuffs much as Phelem-Ghe-Madone, the protagonist of Victor Hugo's* THE MAN WHO LAUGHS, *who "seemed to enter boxing-matches rather to receive than to give." They were to give all that back in their next career. But it was in boxing where they enriched their background and their character.*

RED ALL OVER

By Red Smith

JOE LOUIS: A SENSE OF DIGNITY

WHEN JOE LOUIS'S TAX TROUBLES WERE still making headlines, a man told him: "You were 15 years ahead of your time. You should have been around today to cut in on these multimillion-dollar closed-circuit shows."

"No," Joe said, "when I was boxing I made $5 million and wound up broke, owing the Government a million. If I was boxing today I'd make $10 million and wind up broke, owing the Government two million."

Joe Louis Barrow lived a month less than 67 years. He was heavyweight champion of the world in an era when the heavyweight champion was, in the view of many, the greatest man in the world. He held the title for 12 years, defended it 25 times and retired undefeated as a champion.

Not once in 66 years was he known to utter a word of complaint or bitterness or offer an excuse for anything. To be sure, he had nothing to make excuses about. In 71 recorded fights he lost three times, on a knockout by Max Schmeling before he won the championship, on a decision to Ezzard Charles when he tried to regain the title, and finally on a knockout by Rocky Marciano when that young man was on his way to the top.

Joe had just celebrated his 21st birthday when he came to New York the first time. This was 1935, not a long time ago, yet some people still saw any black man as the stereotype darky, who loved dancing and watermelon. Some news photographers bought a watermelon and asked Joe to pose eating a slice. He refused, saying he didn't like watermelon.

"And the funny thing is," said Harry Markson, telling the story, "Joe loves watermelon."

At 21, this unlettered son of Alabama sharecroppers had the perception to realize what the pictures would imply and the quiet dignity to have no part of the charade. Dignity was always a word that applied to him. Dignity and candor.

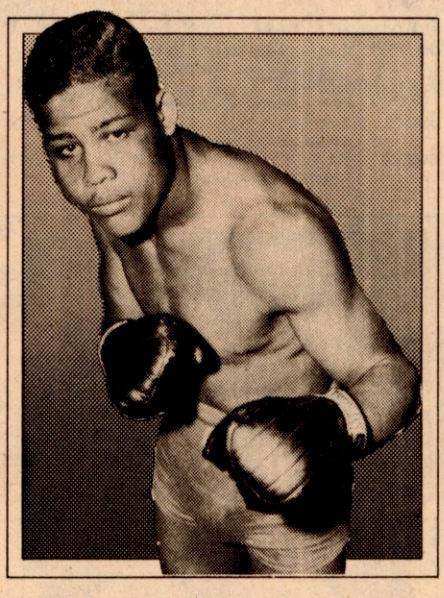
Early in Muhammad Ali's splendacious reign as heavyweight champion, he hired Joe as an "adviser" and they appeared on television together.

"Joe, you really think you coulda whupped me?" Ali said.

"When I had the title," Joe said, "I went on what they called a bum-of-the-month tour."

Ali's voice rose three octaves. "You mean I'm a bum?"

"You woulda been on the tour," Joe told his new employer.



During World War II, Joe defended his championship against Buddy Baer for the benefit of the Naval Relief Fund. Wendell Willkie, defeated candidate for President of the United States, made a resounding speech in the ring. "And you, Max Baer," he said, "and you, Joe Louee . . ." Earlier that day Harry Markson, then doing publicity on Mike Jacobs's promotions in Madison Square Garden, offered to write a few words for Joe in case he was called on to speak. Joe said no, thanks, he wouldn't be invited.

To his surprise, he was asked to address the crowd. Unprepared though he was, he said a few altogether appropriate words, assuring listeners that we would win the war "because we're on God's side." Dignity. If memory serves, Buddy Baer wasn't called on. Before the first round ended, he couldn't speak, being unconscious.

This story has been told here before but perhaps it will bear repeating. Before Floyd Patterson's second match with Sonny Liston, the one in Las Vegas, a visitor remarked to Joe that every time Floyd talked with the press he spoke of losing. "If I lose, if I lose bad, if I'm humiliated," he would start over again at the bottom and work his way back to main events.

"A fighter can't think that way," Joe said, "and he can't talk that way."

"It seems to me," his companion said, "that any time a man of intelligence goes into an athletic contest, he realizes that he stands a chance of losing."

"Oh, I think I reckanized it," Joe said. "Especially when I was just starting out and scared. After I won the title I didn't think about it no more. Oh, I knew that if I kept on fighting, some guy would come along and take the title away from me, but not this guy, never tonight."

Joe Louis may well have been the greatest fighter who ever lived. Comparisons with Jack Dempsey and Gene Tunney and others are foolish, though there is no shadow of doubt here that he would have caught and destroyed Muhammad Ali as he caught Billy Conn and other skillful boxers.

At the top of his game he would have outboxed Rocky Marciano and perhaps have taken him out, though after 49 fights without a defeat or draw, Rocky said he had never been dazed by a punch, even the punches that floored him. Joe's aging legs betrayed him when he finally fought Marciano.

That was his last competitive match, though he boxed a few exhibitions afterwards. Marciano knocked him out of the ring in the eighth round, and afterwards Joe lay on his stomach on a rubbing table with his right ear pillowed on a towel. He wore his faded dressing gown of blue and red, with a raincoat spread over it. His left hand was in a bucket of ice on the floor and a handler massaged his left ear with ice. With his face squashed against the padding of the table, newspapermen had to kneel with their heads close to his lips to hear his words.

He said the best man had won. Asked whether Marciano could hit harder than Schmeling, who had knocked him out 15 years earlier, Joe said: "This kid knocked me out with what? Two punches. Schmeling knocked me out with—musta been a hundred punches. But I was 22 years old then. You can take more then than later on."

"Did age count tonight, Joe?"

"Ugh," Joe said, and bobbed his head.

LAST ROUND

JOE LOUIS

Height: 6'1½" **Reach:** 76"
Weight: 200 pounds
Born: May 13, 1914,
Lafayette, Alabama
Amateur Record: 50-4, 43 knockouts

1934

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
July 4	Jack Kracken	Chicago, Ill.	KO 1
July 11	Willie Davis	Chicago, Ill.	KO 3
July 29	Larry Udell	Chicago, Ill.	KO 2
Aug. 13	Jack Kranz	Chicago, Ill.	W 8
Aug. 27	Buck Everett	Chicago, Ill.	KO 2
Sept. 11	Alex Borchuk	Detroit, Mich.	KO 4
Sept. 25	Adolph Wiater	Chicago, Ill.	W 10
Oct. 24	Art Sykes	Chicago, Ill.	KO 8
Oct. 30	Jack O'Dowd	Detroit, Mich.	KO 2
Nov. 14	Stanley Poreda	Chicago, Ill.	KO 1
Nov. 30	Charley Massera	Chicago, Ill.	KO 3
Dec. 14	Lee Ramage	Chicago, Ill.	KO 8

1935

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Jan. 4	Patsy Perroni	Detroit, Mich.	W 10
Jan. 11	Hans Birkie	Pittsburgh, Pa.	KO 10
Feb. 21	Lee Ramage	Los Angeles, Calif.	KO 2
Mar. 8	Donald (Reds) Barry	San Francisco, Calif.	KO 3
Mar. 28	Natie Brown	Detroit, Mich.	W 10
Apr. 12	Roy Lazer	Chicago, Ill.	KO 3
Apr. 22	Biff Benton	Dayton, Ohio	KO 2
Apr. 27	Roscoe Toles	Flint, Mich.	KO 6
May 3	Willie Davis	Peoria, Ill.	KO 2
May 7	Gene Stanton	Kalamazoo, Mich.	KO 3
June 25	Primo Carnera	New York City	KO 6
Aug. 7	King Levinsky	Chicago, Ill.	KO 1
Sept. 24	Max Baer	New York City	KO 4
Dec. 13	Paulino Uzcudun	New York City	KO 4

1936

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Jan. 17	Charley Retzlaff	Chicago, Ill.	KO 1
June 19	Max Schmeling	New York City	KO by 12
Aug. 18	Jack Sharkey	New York City	KO 3
Sept. 22	Al Ettore	Philadelphia, Pa.	KO 5
Oct. 9	Jorge Brescia	New York City	KO 3
Dec. 14	Eddie Simms	Cleveland, Ohio	KO 1

1937

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Jan. 11	Steve Ketchel	Buffalo, New York	KO 2
Jan. 29	Bob Pastor	New York City	W 10
Feb. 17	Natie Brown	Kansas City, Mo.	KO 4
June 22	James J. Braddock (Won World Heavyweight Title)	Chicago, Ill.	KO 8
Aug. 30	Tommy Farr (Retained World Heavyweight Title)	New York City	W 15

1938

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Feb. 23	Nathan Mann (Retained World Heavyweight Title)	New York City	KO 3
Apr. 1	Harry Thomas (Retained World Heavyweight Title)	Chicago, Ill.	KO 5
June 22	Max Schmeling (Retained World Heavyweight Title)	New York City	KO 1

1939

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Jan. 25	John Henry Lewis (Retained World Heavyweight Title)	New York City	KO 1
Apr. 17	Jack Roper (Retained World Heavyweight Title)	Los Angeles, Calif.	KO 1
June 28	Tony Galento (Retained World Heavyweight Title)	New York City	KO 4
Sept. 20	Bob Pastor (Retained World Heavyweight Title)	Detroit, Mich.	KO 11

1940

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Feb. 9	Arturo Godoy (Retained World Heavyweight Title)	New York City	W 15
Mar. 29	Johnny Paycheck (Retained World Heavyweight Title)	New York City	KO 2
June 20	Arturo Godoy (Retained World Heavyweight Title)	New York City	KO 8
Dec. 16	Al McCoy (Retained World Heavyweight Title)	Boston, Mass.	KO 6

1941

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Jan. 31	Clarence (Red) Burman (Retained World Heavyweight Title)	New York City	KO 5
Feb. 17	Gus Dorazio (Retained World Heavyweight Title)	Philadelphia, Pa.	KO 2
Mar. 21	Abe Simon (Retained World Heavyweight Title)	Detroit, Mich.	KO 13
Apr. 8	Tony Musto (Retained World Heavyweight Title)	St. Louis, Mo.	KO 9
May 23	Buddy Baer (Retained World Heavyweight Title)	Washington, D.C.	W disq. 7
June 18	Billy Conn (Retained World Heavyweight Title)	New York City	KO 13
Sept. 29	Lou Nova (Retained World Heavyweight Title)	New York City	KO 6

1942

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Jan. 9	Buddy Baer (Retained World Heavyweight Title)	New York City	KO 1
Mar. 27	Abe Simon (Retained World Heavyweight Title)	New York City	KO 6

1943-45

Inactive; in U.S. Army

1946

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
June 19	Billy Conn (Retained World Heavyweight Title)	New York City	KO 8
Sept. 18	Tami Mauriello (Retained World Heavyweight Title)	New York City	KO 1

1947

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Dec. 5	Jersey Joe Walcott (Retained World Heavyweight Title)	New York City	W 15

1948

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
June 25	Jersey Joe Walcott (Retained World Heavyweight Title)	New York City	KO 11

1949

Mar. 1	Announced Retirement		

1950

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Sept. 27	Ezzard Charles (For World Heavyweight Title)	New York City	L 15
Nov. 29	Cesar Brion	Chicago, Ill.	W 10

1951

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Jan. 3	Freddie Beshore	Detroit, Mich.	KO 4
Feb. 7	Omelio Agramonte	Miami, Fla.	W 10
Feb. 23	Andy Walker	San Francisco	KO 10
May 2	Omelio Agramonte	Detroit, Mich.	W 10
June 15	Lee Savold	New York City	KO 6
Aug. 1	Cesar Brion	San Francisco	W 10
Aug. 15	Jimmy Bivins	Baltimore, Md.	W 10
Oct. 26	Rocky Marciano	New York City	KO by 8

Died April 12th, 1981

Summary

BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KO'S
71	68	3	0	54

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